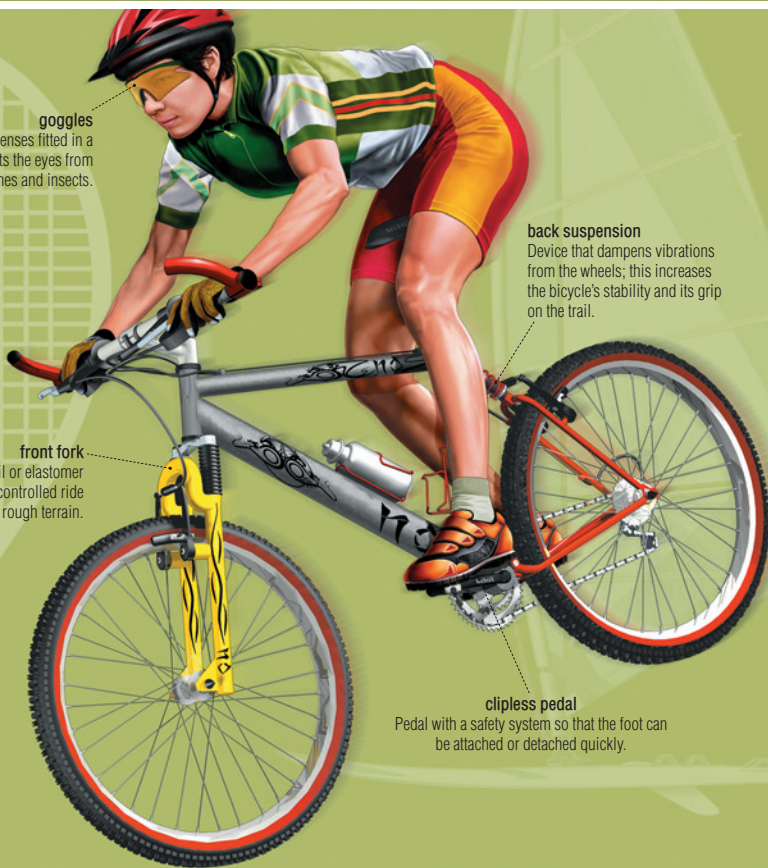




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goggles

Eyewear with plastic lenses fitted in a frame with arms; it protects the eyes from flying mud, stones and insects.

front fork

Fork whose air/oil or elastomer suspension provides a controlled ride over rough terrain.

back suspension

Device that dampens vibrations from the wheels; this increases the bicycle's stability and its grip on the trail.

clipless pedal

Pedal with a safety system so that the foot can be attached or detached quickly.

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INTRODUCTION

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The Visual Dictionary takes an inventory of the physical environment of a person who is part of today's technological age and who knows and uses a large number of specialized terms in a wide variety of fields.

Designed for the general public, it responds to the needs of anyone seeking the precise, correct terms for a wide range of personal or professional reasons: finding an unknown term, checking the meaning of a word, translation, advertising, teaching material, etc.

The target user has guided the choice of contents for *The Visual Dictionary*, which aims to bring together in 12 thematic books the technical terms required to express the contemporary world, in the specialized fields that shape our daily experience.

STRUCTURE

Each tome has three sections: the preliminary pages, including the table of contents; the body of the text (i.e. the detailed treatment of the theme); the index.

Information is presented moving from the most abstract to the most concrete: sub-theme, title, subtitle, illustration, terminology.

TERMINOLOGY

Each word in *The Visual Dictionary* has been carefully selected following examination of high-quality documentation, at the required level of specialization.

There may be cases where different terms are used to name the same item. In such instances, the word most frequently used by the most highly regarded authors has been chosen.

Words are usually referred to in the singular, even if the illustration shows a number of individual examples. The word designates the concept, not the actual illustration.

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Within the hierarchical format of *The Visual Dictionary*'s presentation, the definitions fit together like a Russian doll. For example, the information within the definition for the term *insect* at the top of the page does not have to be repeated for each of the insects illustrated. Instead, the text concentrates on defining the distinguishing characteristics of each insect (the *louse* is a parasite, the female *yellow jacket* stings, and so forth).

Since the definition leaves out what is obvious from the illustration, the illustrations and definitions complement one another.

The vast majority of the terms in the *Visual Dictionary* are defined. Terms are not defined when the illustration makes the meaning absolutely clear, or when the illustration suggests the usual meaning of the word (for example, the numerous *handles*).

METHODS OF CONSULTATION

Users may gain access to the contents of *The Visual Dictionary* in a variety of ways:

- From the TABLE OF CONTENTS at the end of the preliminary pages, the user can locate by title the section that is of interest.
- With the INDEX, the user can consult *The Visual Dictionary* from a word, so as to see what it corresponds to, or to verify accuracy by examining the illustration that depicts it.
- The most original aspect of *The Visual Dictionary* is the fact that the illustrations enable the user to find a word even if he or she only has a vague idea of what it is. The dictionary is unique in this feature, as consultation of any other dictionary requires the user first to know the word.

TITLE

Its definition is found below. If the title refers to information that continues over several pages, after the first page it is shown in a shaded tone with no definition.

TERM

Each term appears in the index with a reference to the pages on which it appears.

DEFINITION

It explains the inherent qualities, function, or characteristics of the element depicted in the illustration.

SUB-THEME

These are shown at the end of the preliminary pages along with their definitions. They are then repeated on each page of a section, but without the definition.

CYCLING	MOTOR SPORTS
<p>mountain biking</p> <p>Sport that consists of performing acrobatic exercises or racing off-track (on a rough or steep course) on a bicycle.</p> <p>cross-country bicycle and cyclist Cross-country bicycle: relatively small, sturdy bicycle designed for performing acrobatic and competing in competitions on rough terrain.</p> <p>proppies Exposure with plastic lenses that is a home with arms; it protects the eyes from flying mud, stones and insects.</p> <p>back suspension Device that dampens vibrations from the wheels; this increases the bicycles' stability and its grip on the trail.</p> <p>front fork Fork whose action or absorption suspension provides a controlled ride over rough terrain.</p> <p>clipsless pedal Pedal with a cable system so that the foot can be attached or detached quickly.</p> <p>downhill bicycle and cyclist Downhill bicycle: small, very sturdy bicycle for racing on rough ground with steep hills and down with obstacles.</p> <p>protective goggles One-piece lightweight eyewear that protects the eyes from flying mud, stones and insects.</p> <p>chin strap Part of the helmet that protects the cyclist's chin.</p> <p>raised handlebar Grip whose elevated position makes the bicycle easier to steer when going downhill.</p> <p>pedal with wide platform Wide pedal providing good footing.</p> <p>hydraulic disc brake Brake with disc that operates a disc to slow down the wheel; the braking power is produced by hydraulic pressure.</p>	<p>car racing</p> <p>Speed event in which competitors driving race cars must make a predetermined number of laps around a track.</p> <p>formula 1 car Single-seater for racing on a closed circuit that can reach speeds of 225 mph; formula 1 is very popular in Europe.</p> <p>cameras Exposure apparatus for following a driver's vehicle during an event; each car is equipped with at least one camera.</p> <p>wing Part sitting on pressure to increase the load on the rear and front wheels to improve the driver's grip on the track.</p> <p>cockpit Part of the body where the driver sits that houses the equipment necessary for driving the car.</p> <p>radio antenna Device that emits and receives radio waves for communications between the driver and the team during the event.</p> <p>Pitot tube Measuring device for calculating the actual speed of the car by taking into account the influence of the wind.</p> <p>side fairings Movable structure that absorbs the impact from a collision; the side fairings house especially sensitive and electronic components.</p> <p>roll structure Structure composed of metal tubes to protect the driver if the car rolls over.</p> <p>steering wheel Unit enabling the driver to steer the turning wheels; a variable dashboard. It is equipped with several controls such as the clutch and gear shifter.</p> <p>wet-weather tire Molded tire used on a wet track to maximize a large quantity of water. At 180 mph, it evacuates more than 6.5 gallons of water per second.</p> <p>dry-weather tire Ground tire providing a good grip on a dry track.</p>

ILLUSTRATION

It is an integral part of the visual definition for each of the terms that refer to it.

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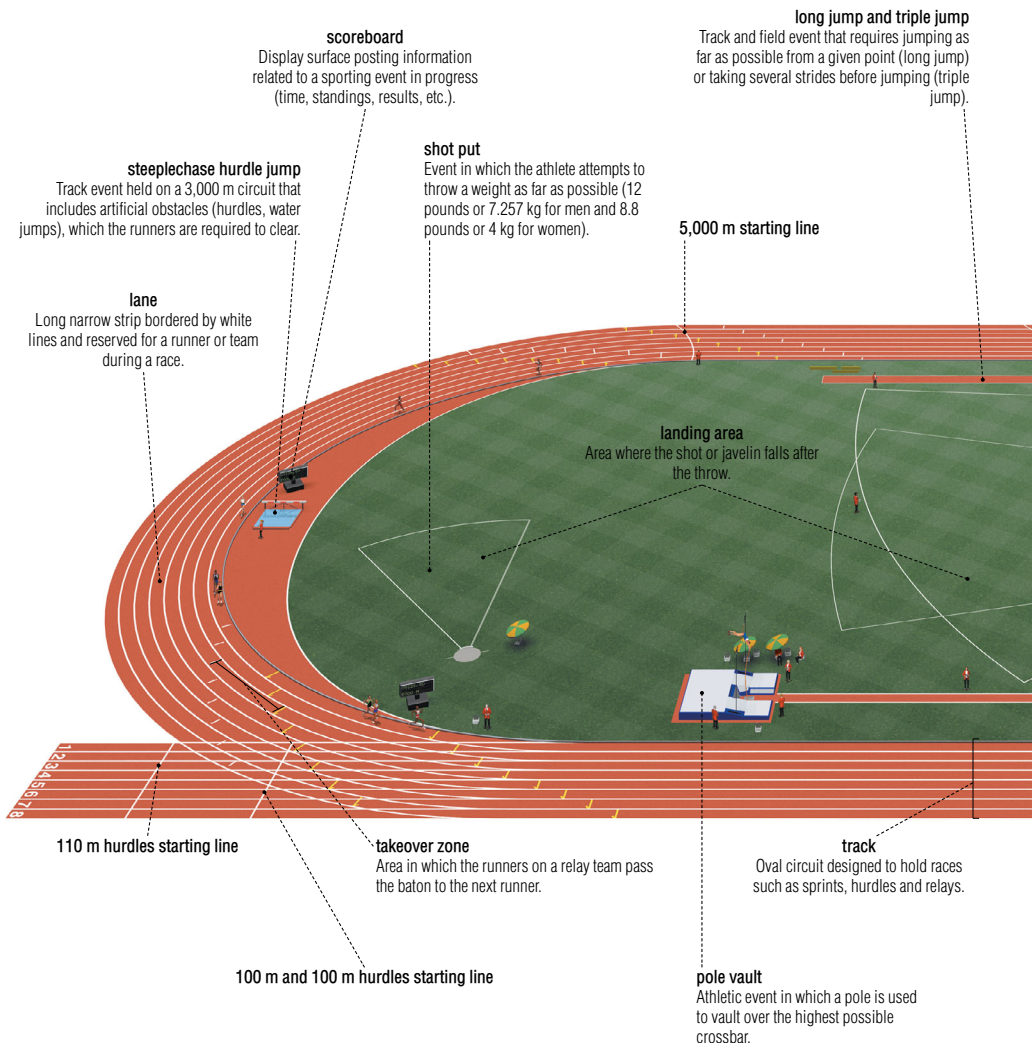
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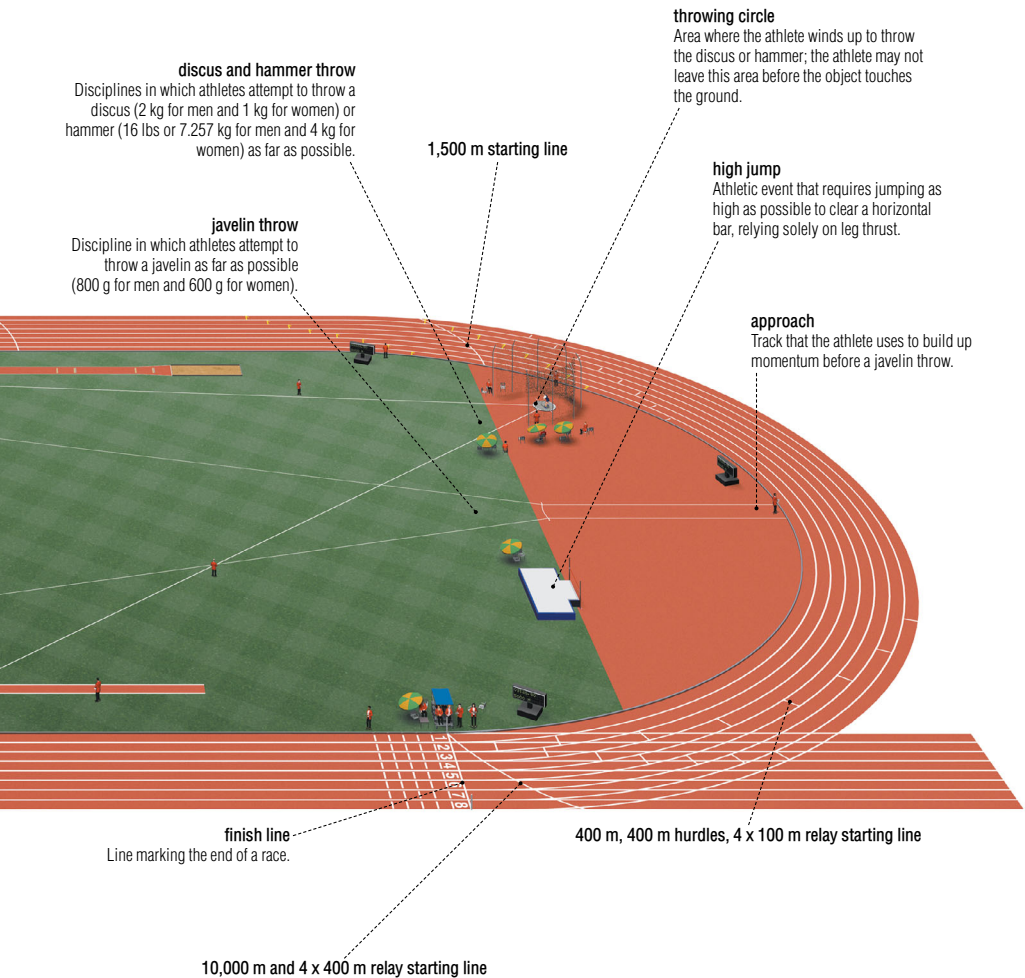
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arena

Field designed for participating in track and field and for staging competitions; it is often surrounded by grandstands for seating spectators.



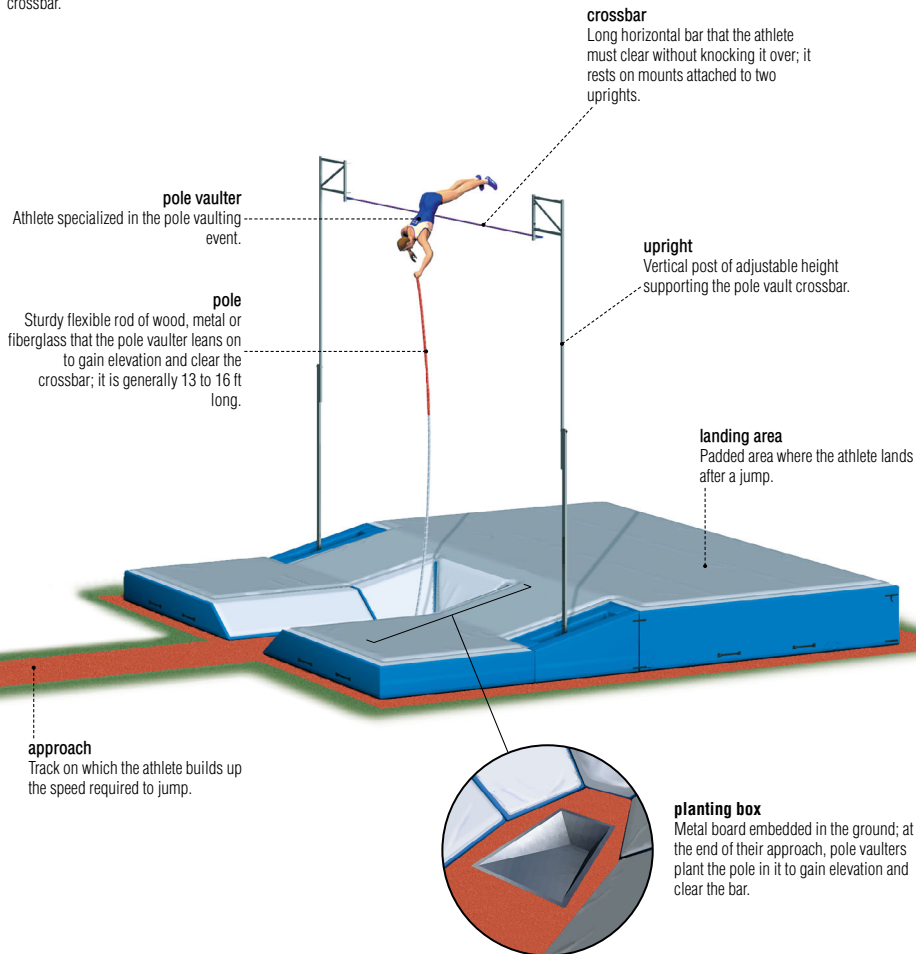


jumping

The four jumping events are the high jump, long jump, triple jump and pole vault.

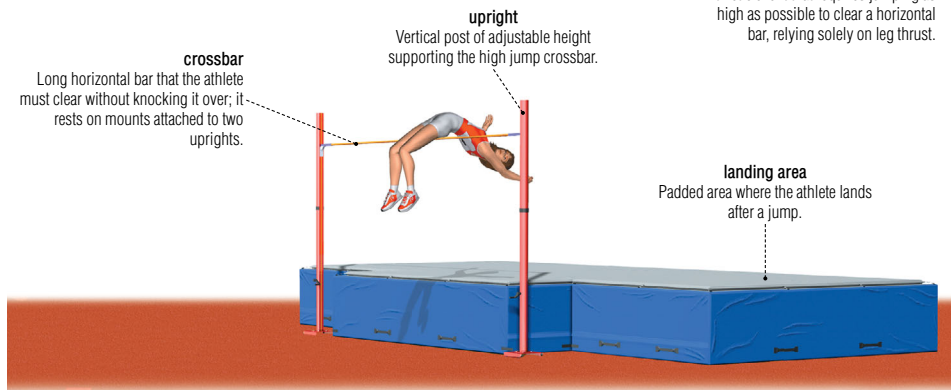
pole vault

Athletic event in which a pole is used to vault over the highest possible crossbar.



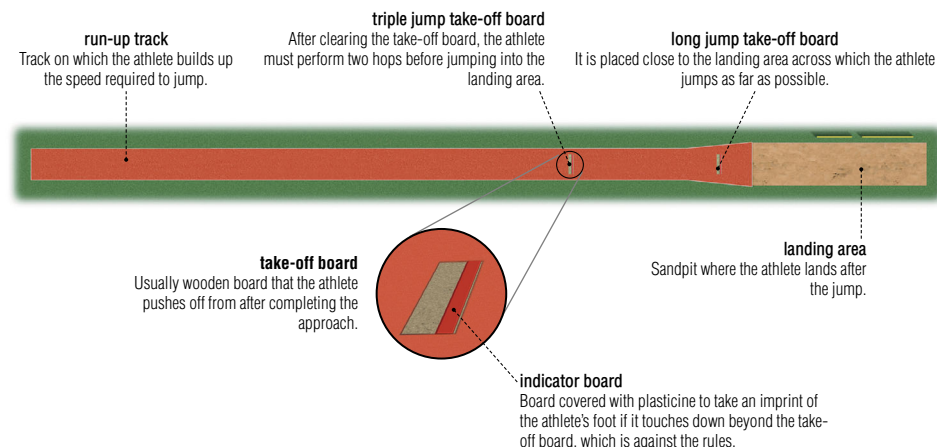
high jump

Athletic event that requires jumping as high as possible to clear a horizontal bar, relying solely on leg thrust.



long jump and triple jump

Track and field events that require jumping as far as possible from a given point (long jump) or taking several strides before jumping (triple jump).

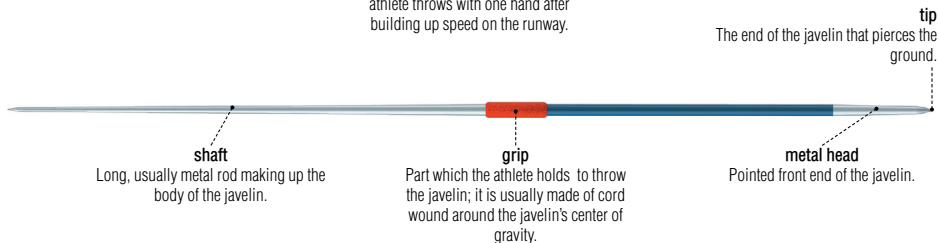


throwing

The throwing events are discus, shot put, hammer and javelin.

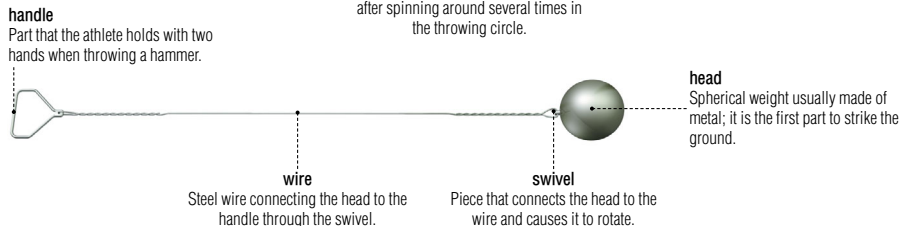
javelin

Metal rod shaped like a spear that the athlete throws with one hand after building up speed on the runway.



hammer

Implement consisting of a heavy ball attached to a wire; the athlete throws it after spinning around several times in the throwing circle.



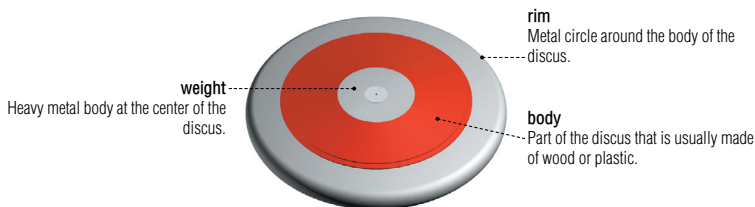
shot

Ball made of a metal such as bronze or copper that the athlete throws with one hand after winding up in the throwing circle.



discus

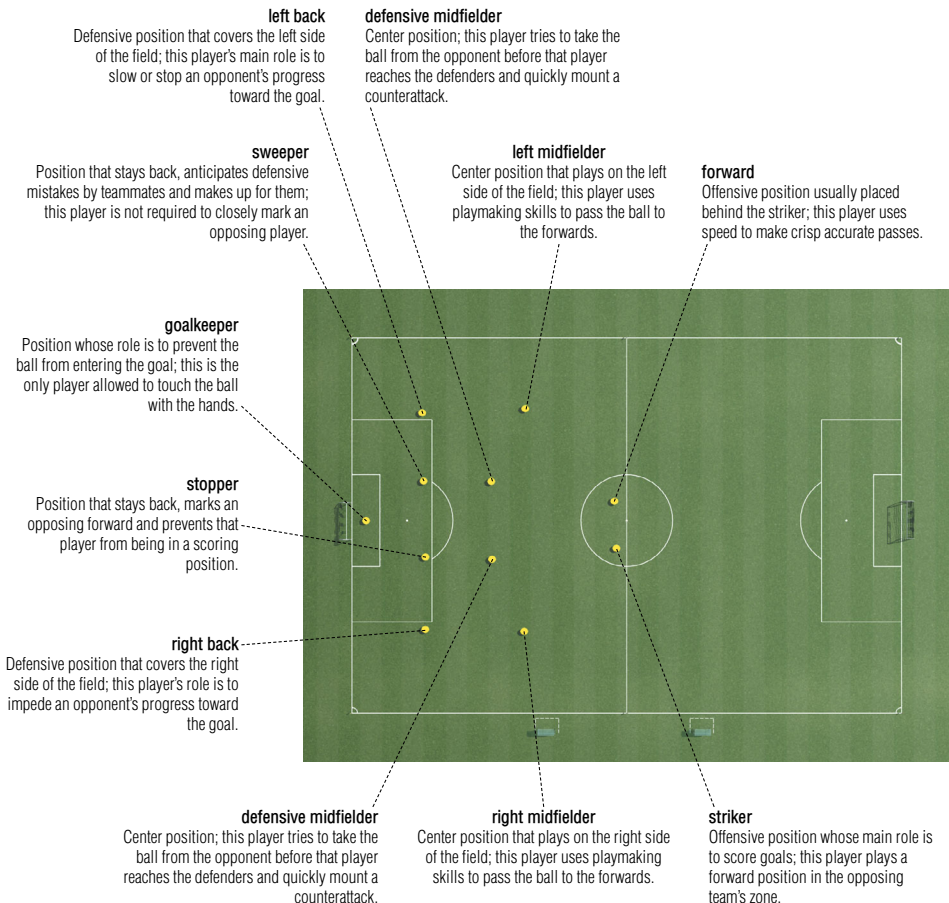
Flat circular disk that the athlete throws with one hand after spinning around several times in a throwing circle.



Sport with two opposing teams of 11 players who attempt to score in the opponent's goal by kicking or knocking the ball in with any part of the body except the arms and hands.

player positions

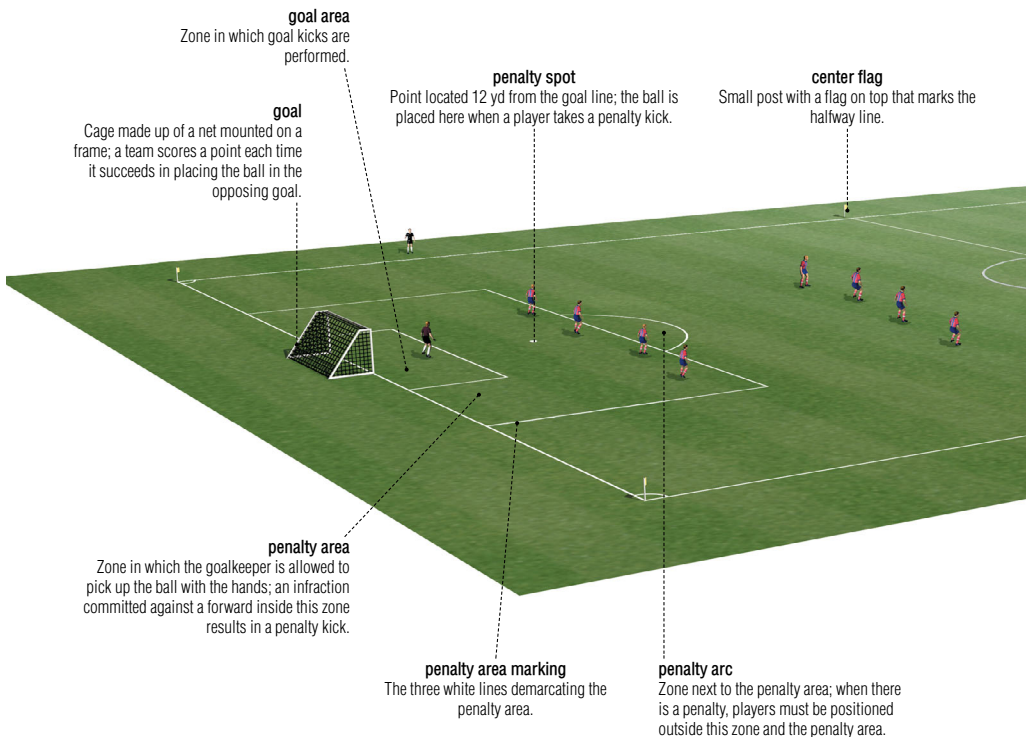
Various tactical schemes are used in soccer; among the best known is the 4-4-2, a formation with four defenders, four midfielders and two forwards.



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playing field

Rectangular surface covered with natural or synthetic grass on which a soccer match is played; a game has two 45-minute halves.



referee

Official responsible for applying the rules; this individual keeps time, signals penalties, issues warnings (yellow card) and ejects players (red card).

center spot

Point in the middle of the halfway line where the ball is placed before a kickoff at the start of a half or after a goal has been scored.

corner arc

Zone where the ball is placed when there is a corner kick, which is awarded when a defender puts the ball behind the goal line.

corner flag

Small post with a flag on top; it marks the intersection of the goal line and the touch line.

linesman

Official who signals offsides and penalties not seen by the referee or when the ball is out of play.

center circle

Circle drawn at midfield; during kickoffs, only the players on the team with ball possession are allowed into this circle.

halfway line

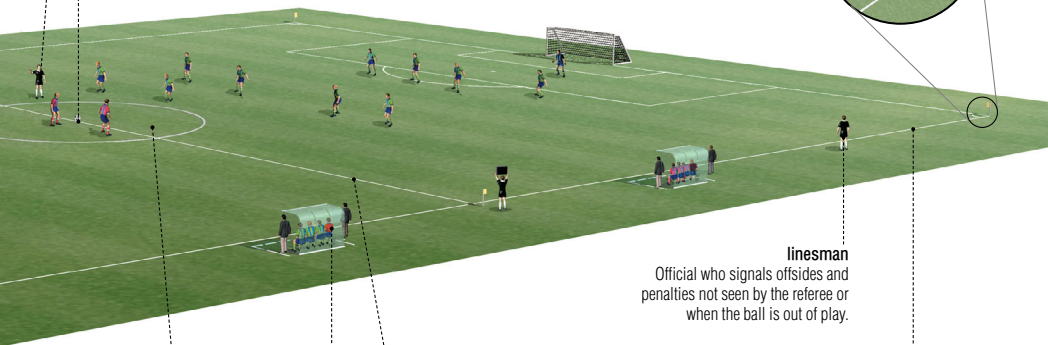
Line dividing the field into two zones, one for each team; the teams switch zones at halftime.

substitute's bench

Area reserved for coaches, technical staff and substitute players; a team cannot make more than three substitutions per game.

touch line

Line along the sides of the playing field; when the ball crosses this line, it is put back into play at the same place.



soccer player

A soccer player is allowed to touch the ball with any part of the body except the arms and hands.

team shirt

Flexible garment covering the upper body; it features the team emblem and the player's name and number.

shorts

Very short pants covering only the top of the thighs.

shin guard

Piece of equipment made up of a hard plastic molding; it protects the soccer player's legs.

sock

Garment worn over the foot and up to the knee; it completely covers the shin guard.

soccer ball

Inflated ball made of leather or synthetic material; its circumference varies between 27 and 27.5 in.

soccer shoe

Shoe made of leather, soft rubber or plastic; studs are attached to its sole to provide good traction.

goalkeeper's gloves

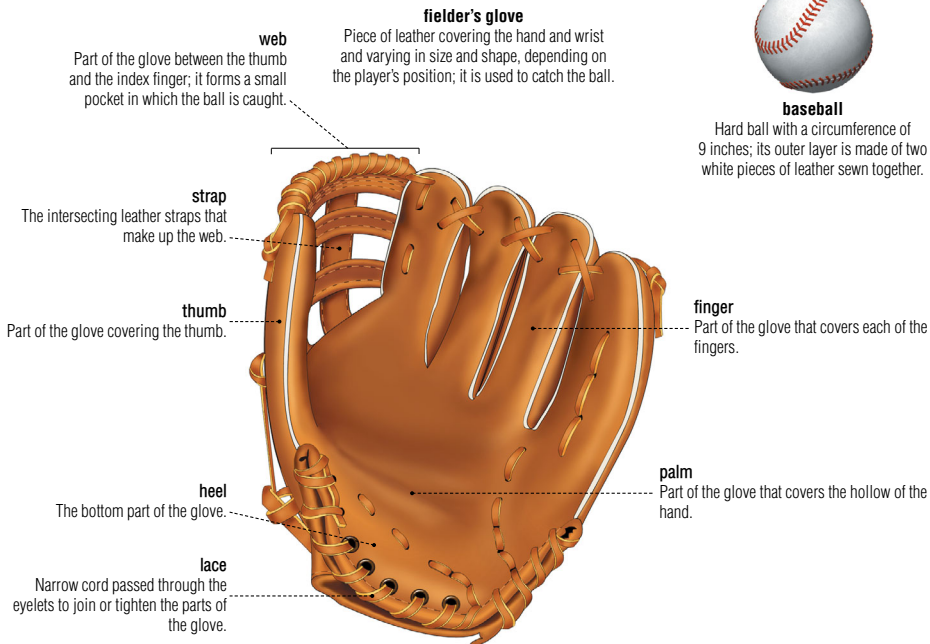
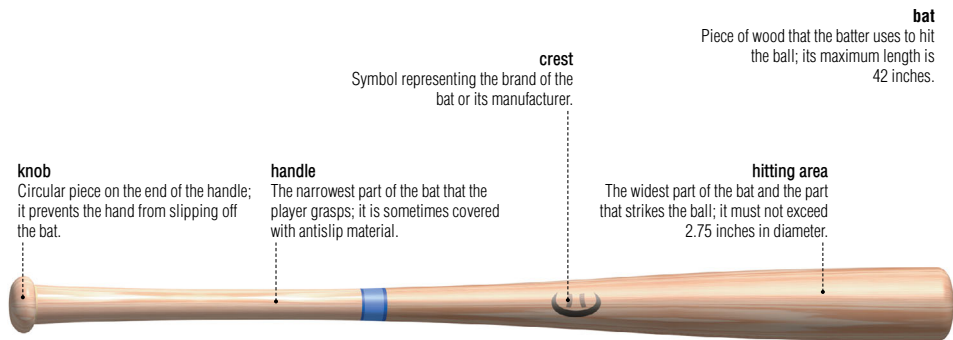
Gloves that cover and protect the goalkeeper's hands and wrists and improve the grip on the ball.

interchangeable studs

Removable studs attached to the sole; they vary in size and can be changed to adapt to the state of the field.



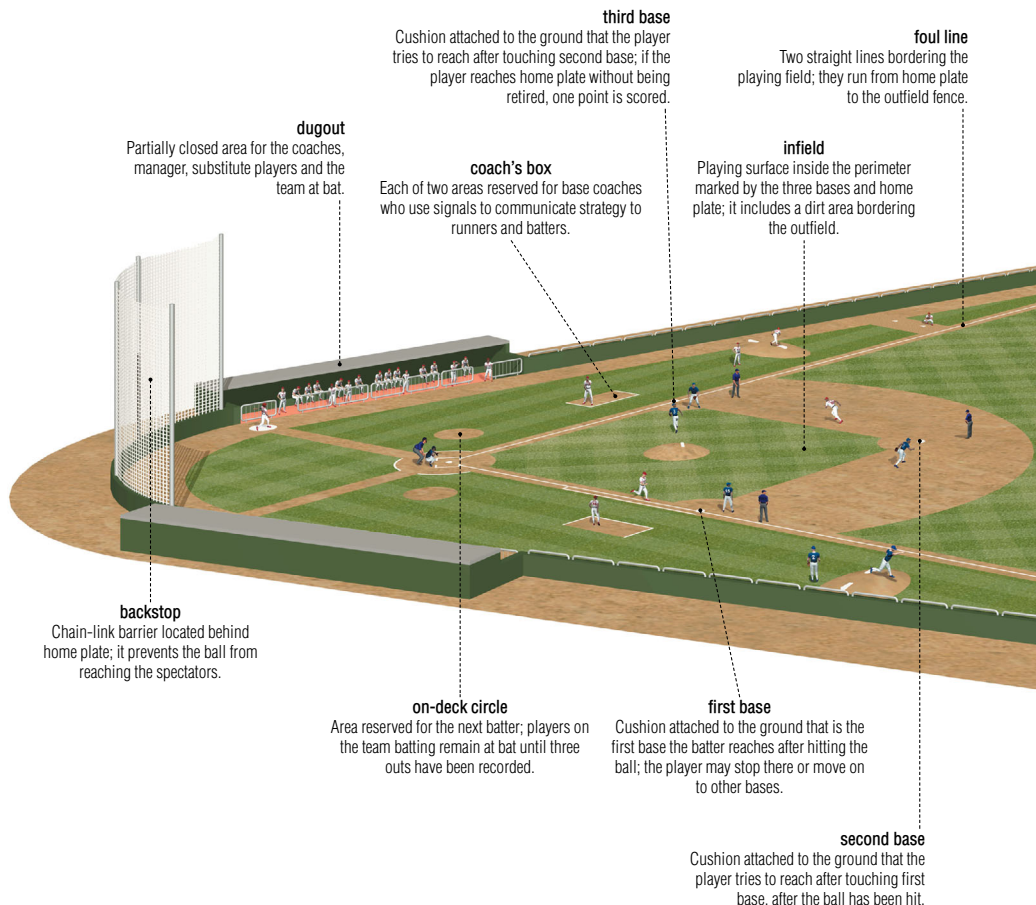
Sport with two opposing teams of nine players who attempt to score points by hitting a ball with a bat and running from one base to the next until they reach home plate; a game lasts nine innings, during which teams alternate from offense (at bat) to defense (in the field).



baseball

field

Surface on which a baseball game is played; it is in the shape of a quarter circle and is covered with dirt and natural or synthetic grass.



third base

Cushion attached to the ground that the player tries to reach after touching second base; if the player reaches home plate without being retired, one point is scored.

foul line

Two straight lines bordering the playing field; they run from home plate to the outfield fence.

dugout

Partially closed area for the coaches, manager, substitute players and the team at bat.

coach's box

Each of two areas reserved for base coaches who use signals to communicate strategy to runners and batters.

infield

Playing surface inside the perimeter marked by the three bases and home plate; it includes a dirt area bordering the outfield.

backstop

Chain-link barrier located behind home plate; it prevents the ball from reaching the spectators.

on-deck circle

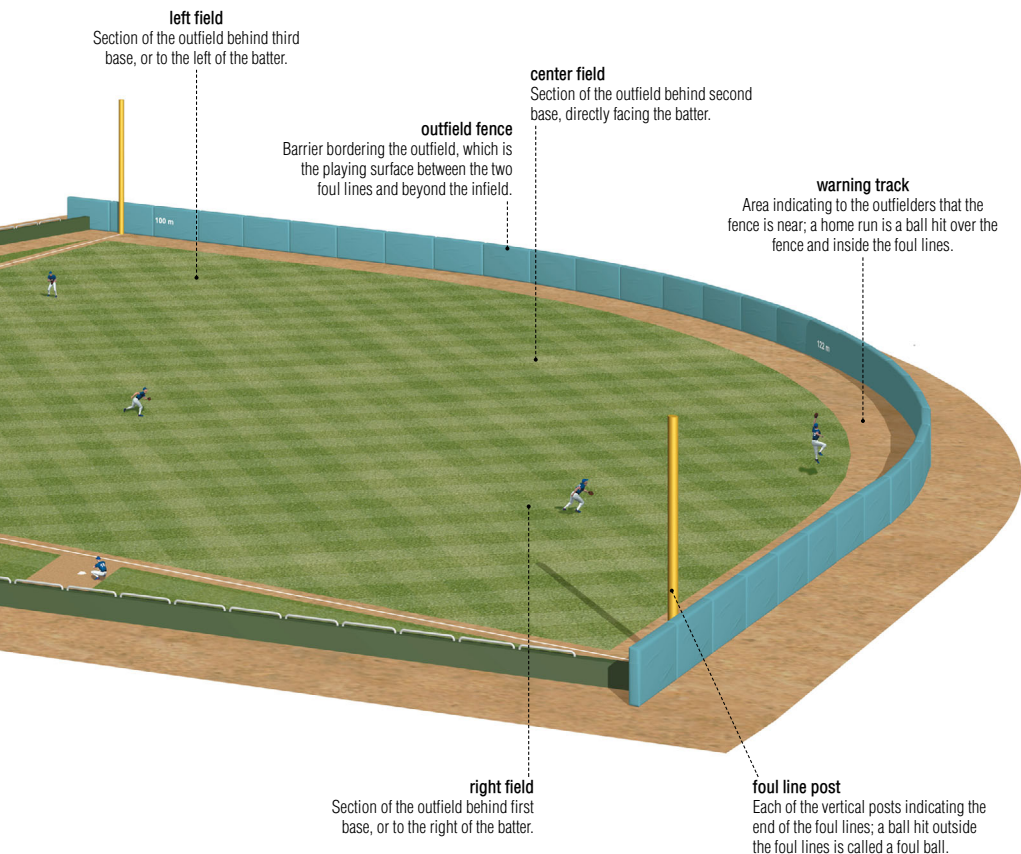
Area reserved for the next batter; players on the team batting remain at bat until three outs have been recorded.

first base

Cushion attached to the ground that is the first base the batter reaches after hitting the ball; the player may stop there or move on to other bases.

second base

Cushion attached to the ground that the player tries to reach after touching first base, after the ball has been hit.



cricket

Sport with two opposing teams of 11 players who attempt to score points by hitting a ball with a bat and running between two wickets; teams alternate between offense (at the bat) and defense (in the field).

field

Oval surface covered with natural or synthetic grass on which a cricket match is played; it is made up of a pitch and a field.

pitch

Rectangular surface in midfield where the bowler and the batsman face each other; it contains two wickets that are about 20 m apart.

wicketkeeper

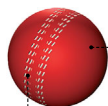
Player positioned behind the batting wicket; the only defensive player who wears gloves, the wicketkeeper tries to catch balls missed by the batsman.

fielders

The team in the field, or the defending team, must catch the ball hit by the batsman and throw it toward one of the wickets to topple it.

cricket ball

Hard ball with a circumference of 9 inches; it is made with a cork core, which is wound with thread and covered with leather.



leather skin

Outside layer of the ball made of pieces of red leather joined by stitching.

seam

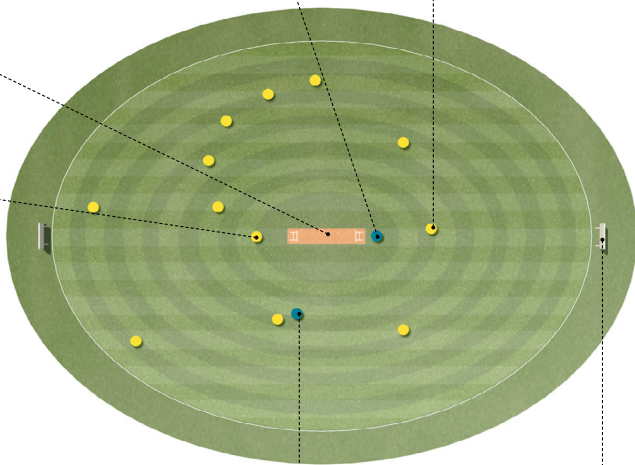
Sewing that joins the leather cover; it traditionally uses white thread.

umpire

Official responsible for applying the rules of delivery; this umpire is positioned behind the bowler's wicket.

bowler

Player who throws the ball toward the batsman; the throw is made without bending the elbow and usually after running a few yards.



umpire

Official who enforces the rules; positioned to the side of the batsman's wicket, this umpire signals when a batsman is retired or when there is an infraction.

screen

Rectangular surface behind each wicket; it minimizes distraction so that the batsman can follow the movement of the ball.

bat

Piece formed of a flat section connected to a rubber-covered handle that the batsman uses to hit the ball; its maximum length is 38 inches.



pitch

Rectangular surface in midfield where the bowler and the batsman face each other; it contains two wickets that are 20 m apart.

wicketkeeper

Player positioned behind the batting wicket; the only defensive player who wears gloves, the wicketkeeper tries to catch balls missed by the batsman.

batsman

Player who takes position to hit the ball and protect the wicket; each time the player runs between the two wickets before the ball arrives, one point is scored.

popping crease

Line drawn 4 feet from the wicket; at the end of a run, the batsman is safe after touching the ground behind this line with the bat or a part of the body.

bowling crease

Line perpendicular to the return crease; the wicket is embedded in the center of it.

delivery

Thrown at speeds reaching 100 mph, the ball usually bounces once before reaching the batsman.

bowler

Player who throws the ball toward the opposing batsman, who stands in front of the wicket; if the bowler topples the wicket, the batsman is retired.

return crease

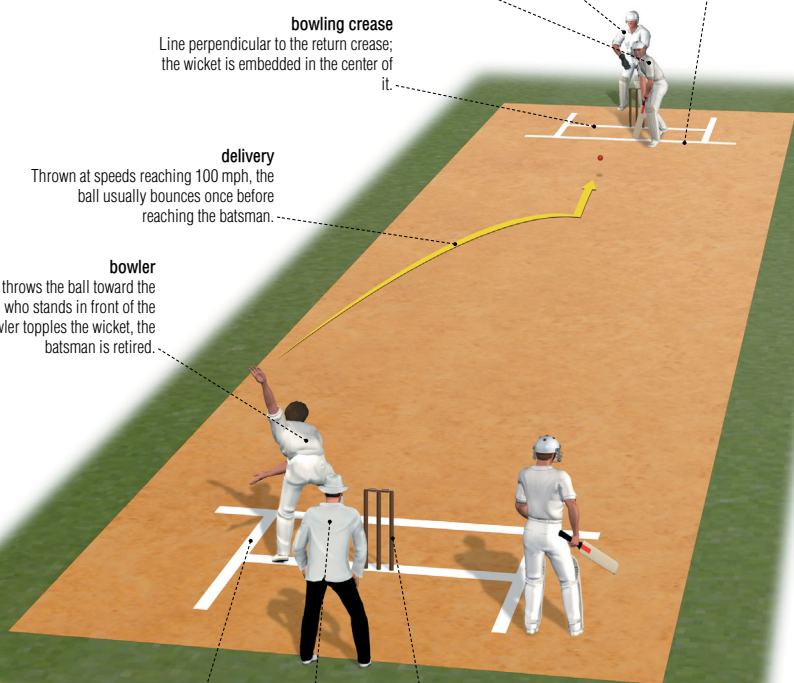
The two lines on each side of wicket that demarcate the space in which the ball must be thrown or hit.

umpire

Official responsible for applying the rules of delivery; this umpire is positioned behind the bowler's wicket.

wicket

Piece made up of stumps with detachable bails; a defender can retire a batsman by toppling the wicket before the batsman completes the run between wickets.



field hockey

Sport with two opposing teams of 11 players who attempt to score in the opponent's goal by hitting a ball with a stick.

stick

Wooden or composite stick with a rounded side and a flat side, which is used to manipulate the ball.



hockey ball

Hard plastic ball with a circumference of 9 in; its traditionally white surface is usually grooved.

goal

Cage made up of a net mounted on a frame; a goal is scored each time a team hits the ball into the opposing goal from inside the striking circle.

goal line

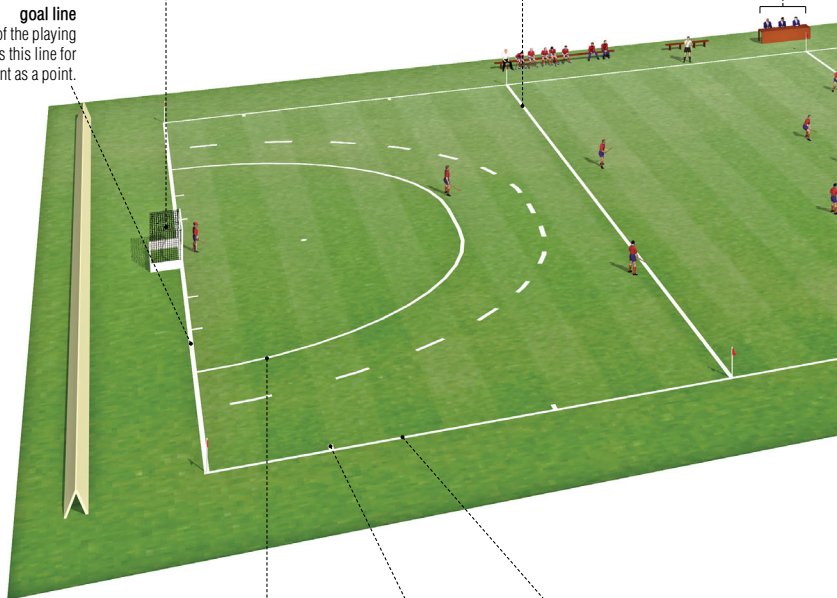
Line marking the ends of the playing field; the ball must cross this line for the goal to count as a point.

25 yd line

Line used to position the players when the ball is put back into play; positioning depends on whether the ball went out of play between the 25 yd lines or between one of them and the goal line.

officials

Individuals in charge of keeping time, recording player substitutions and filling out the score sheet.



striking circle

Semicircle located in front of the goal; a goal can only be scored when the attacker hits the ball inside the opponent's striking circle.

5.5 yd line

Line where the attacker puts the ball back into play if the defenders push it behind their own goal line.

sideline

Line marking the sides of the playing field; when the ball crosses this line, the opposing team puts it back into play at the same place.

right wing

Offensive position to the right of the center forward and near the sideline; this player's main role is to thwart opponents and score goals.

right inside forward

Position to the right of the center forward; a true playmaker, this player receives passes from the defenders or halves and creates offensive chances.

center half

Key position behind the backs in the center of the field; this player receives the ball and passes it in any direction.

right half

Position to the right of the center half; this player tries to take the ball from the opponent and move it up to the wings or forwards.

right back

Defensive position behind the halves on the right side of the field; this player attempts to prevent the opponent from creating scoring chances.

goalkeeper

Player whose role is to prevent the ball from entering the goal; the goalkeeper may touch the ball with any part of the body but cannot hold it with the hands.

corner flag

Small post with a flag on top; it marks the intersection of the goal line and the sideline.

left back

Defensive position behind the halves on the left side of the field; this player's role is to prevent the opponent from obtaining scoring chances.

left wing

Offensive position to the left of the center forward and near the sideline; this player's main role is to thwart opponents and score goals.

left half

Position to the left of the center half; this player's main role is to take the ball from the opponent and move it up to the wings or forwards.

center forward

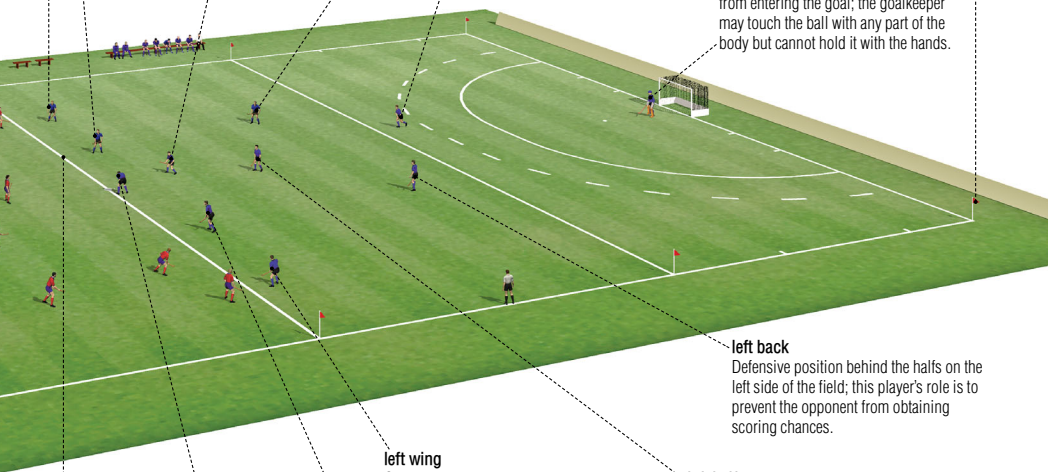
Offensive position that covers the center of the field; this player's main role is to score goals by gaining position inside the opponent's striking circle.

left inside forward

Position to the left of the center forward; a true playmaker, this player receives passes from defenders or halves and generates offensive chances.

center line

Line dividing the field into two zones, one for each team; face-offs are held on this line at the start of a period and after a goal is scored.



rugby

Sport with two opposing teams of 15 players that attempt to score points by carrying the ball into the in goal or kicking it between the uprights.

field

Rectangular surface covered with natural or synthetic grass on which a rugby game is played; a game consists of two 40-minute periods.

flag

Small post with a flag on top that is located where the touch line meets the dead ball line, the goal line, the 22 m line and the halfway line; it marks the outer edges of the playing field.

goal line

Line marking the start of the in-goal zone.

10 m line

Line parallel to the halfway line and 10 m from it; it marks the minimum distance the ball must travel during the kickoff.

dead ball line

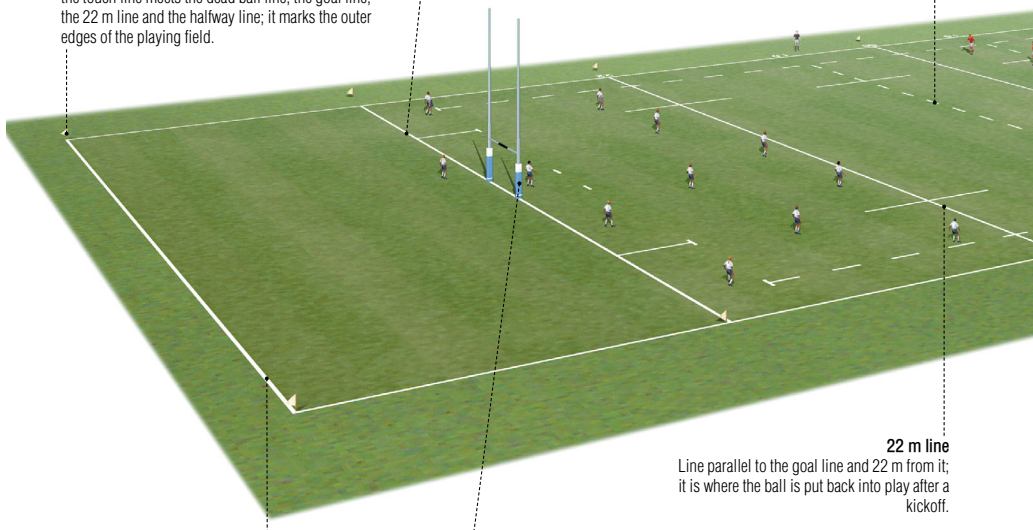
Line marking the end of the in-goal zone.

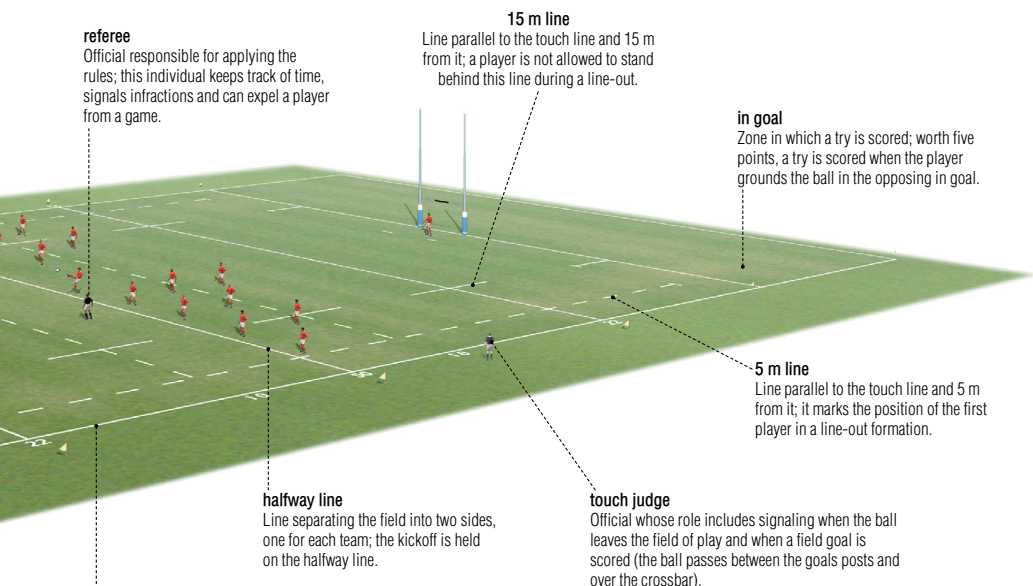
goal

Frame consisting of two uprights and a crossbar; a team scores points by kicking the ball between the uprights.

22 m line

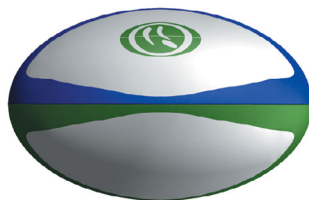
Line parallel to the goal line and 22 m from it; it is where the ball is put back into play after a kickoff.





touch line

Line along the sides of the playing field; when the ball crosses this line, it is thrown back into play by a line-out.



rugby ball

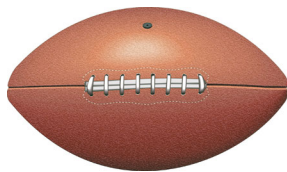
Inflatable egg-shaped ball made of leather or synthetic material; meant to be manipulated with the hands or the feet, it is carried, passed laterally and kicked.

American football

Sport with two opposing teams of 11 players who attempt to score points by moving the ball into the end zone or kicking it between the goalposts.

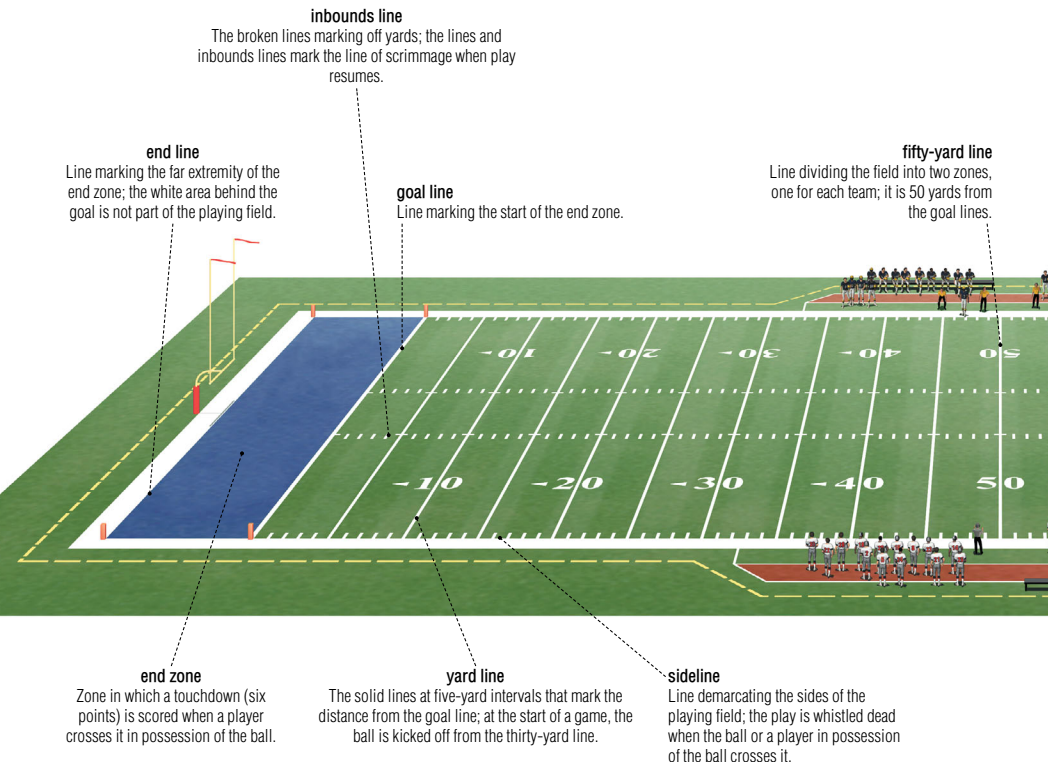
playing field for American football

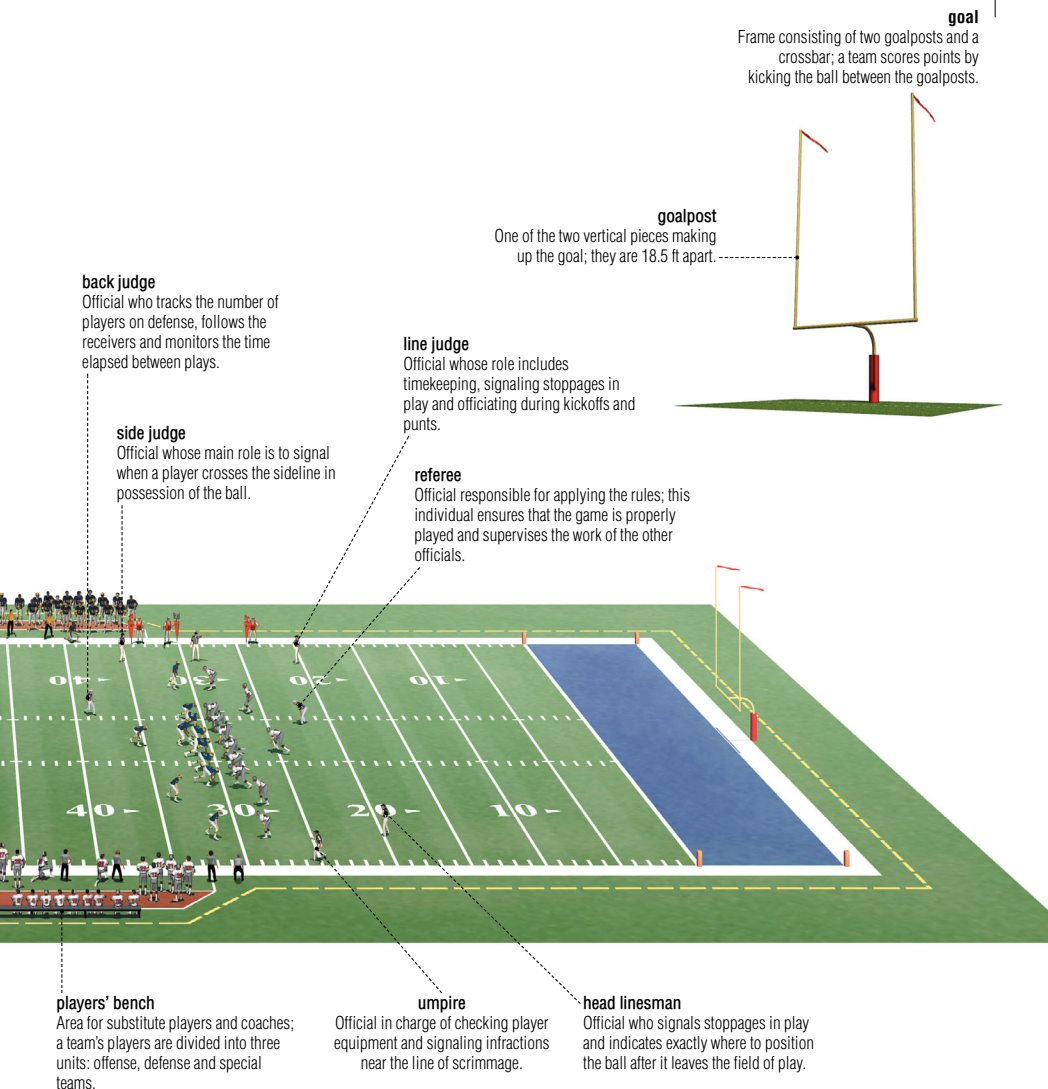
Rectangular surface (53.3 x 120 yards) covered with natural or synthetic grass on which a football game is played; a game consists of four 15-minute quarters.



football

Inflatable oval leather ball that is smaller than a rugby ball; it has laces that provide a grip on the ball.





American football

scrimmage: defense

The defense tries to prevent the opponent's movement toward the end zone by stopping runs and passes.

outside linebacker

Position near or behind the main defensive line on the right side of the field; agile and versatile, this player is effective against running and passing plays.

right defensive end

Position to the right of the right defensive tackle; this player pressures the quarterback and tries to stop outside runs.

right cornerback

Position at the far right of the main defensive line; this player is very fast and covers the opposing team's wide receiver.

right defensive tackle

Position to the right of the middle linebacker; powerful and tough, this player is especially effective at stopping running plays.

left defensive tackle

Position to the left of the middle linebacker; powerful and tough, this player is especially effective at stopping running plays.

right safety

Position behind the main defensive line on the right side of the field; this player is used mostly for the ability to cover passes.

middle linebacker

Position behind the main defensive line; this player combines speed and size especially to stop running plays in the center of the field.

left safety

Position behind the main defensive line on the left side of the field; an excellent tackler, this player is often relied on to stop running plays.

left defensive end

Position on the outside of the left defensive tackle; this player pressures the quarterback and tries to stop the outside run.

neutral zone

Gap the equivalent of one ball length, it separates the offense and defense on the line of scrimmage and cannot be crossed before the snap.

left cornerback

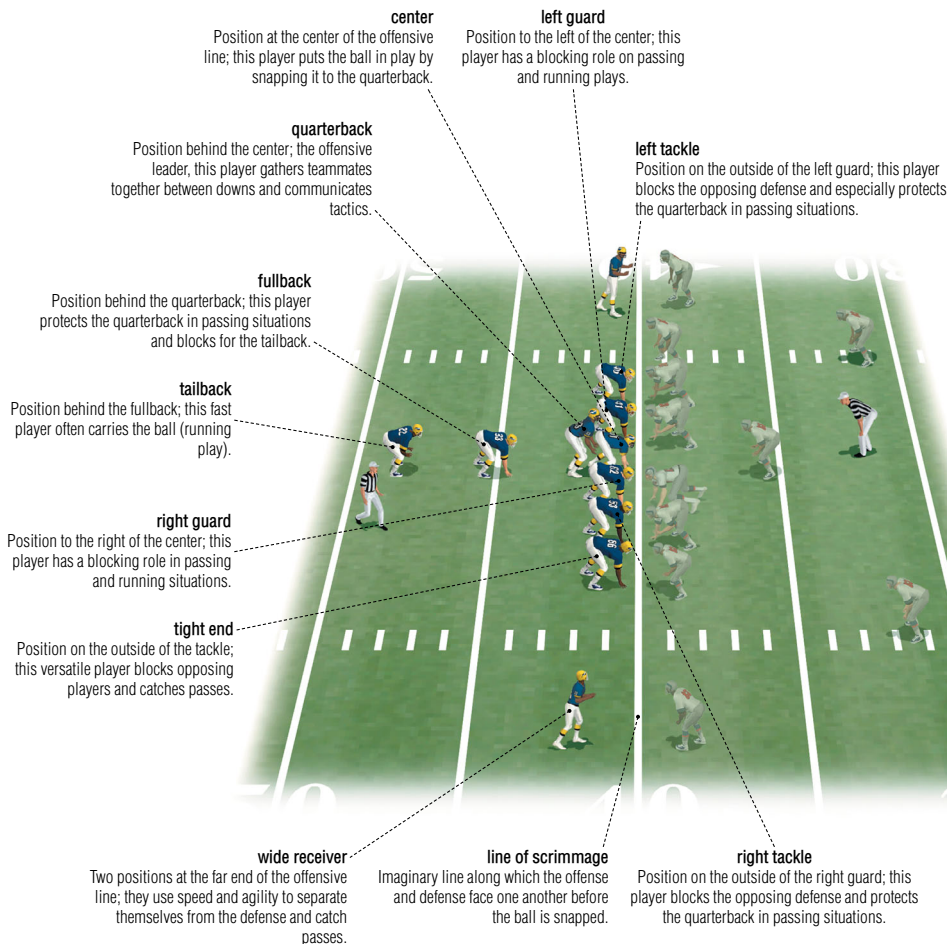
Position at the far left of the main defensive line; this player is very fast and usually covers the opposing team's wide receiver.

inside linebacker

Position near or behind the main defensive line on the left side of the field; agile and versatile, this player is effective against passing and running plays.

scrimmage: offense

The offense or team with ball possession has four downs to gain 10 yards. If it succeeds, it is given another four downs; if not, the ball is turned over to the other team by means of a punt.



basketball

Sport with two opposing teams of five players who score points by throwing a ball into the opposing team's basket.

court

Hard rectangular surface (50 ft x 94 ft) on which a basketball game is played.

scorer

Official who records points and fouls committed by the players.

timekeeper

Official who keeps time; this individual stops the clock when play stops and starts it again when play resumes.

clock operator

Official who keeps track of a team's possession time (maximum 30 seconds before a shot is made).

referee

Official who assists the first referee and also stays at the perimeter of the court so as not to interfere with the players.

semicircle

Semicircular zone where the player takes position to make a free throw, which is worth one point.

referee

Official responsible for applying the rules; this individual does tip-offs and signals fouls.

restricting circle

Circle around the center circle; players not taking part in the tip-off must be outside this circle.

center line

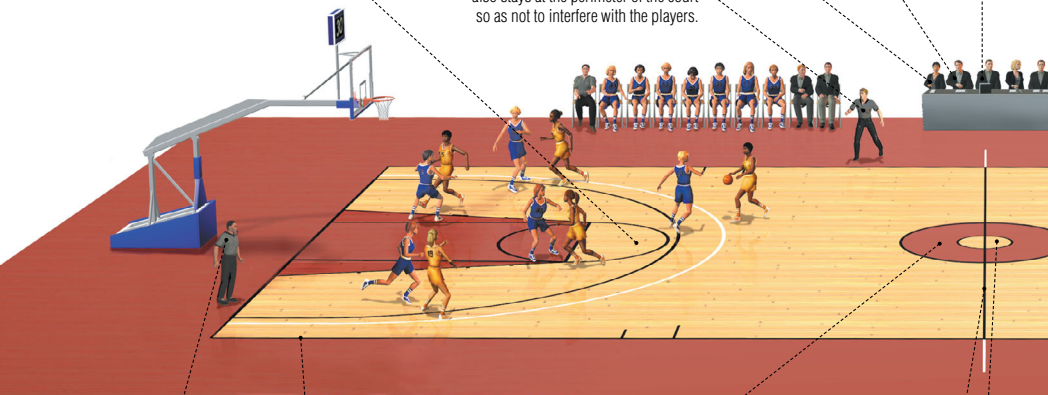
Line dividing the court into two halves, one for each team; the team with ball possession has 10 seconds to carry it into the opposing team's zone.

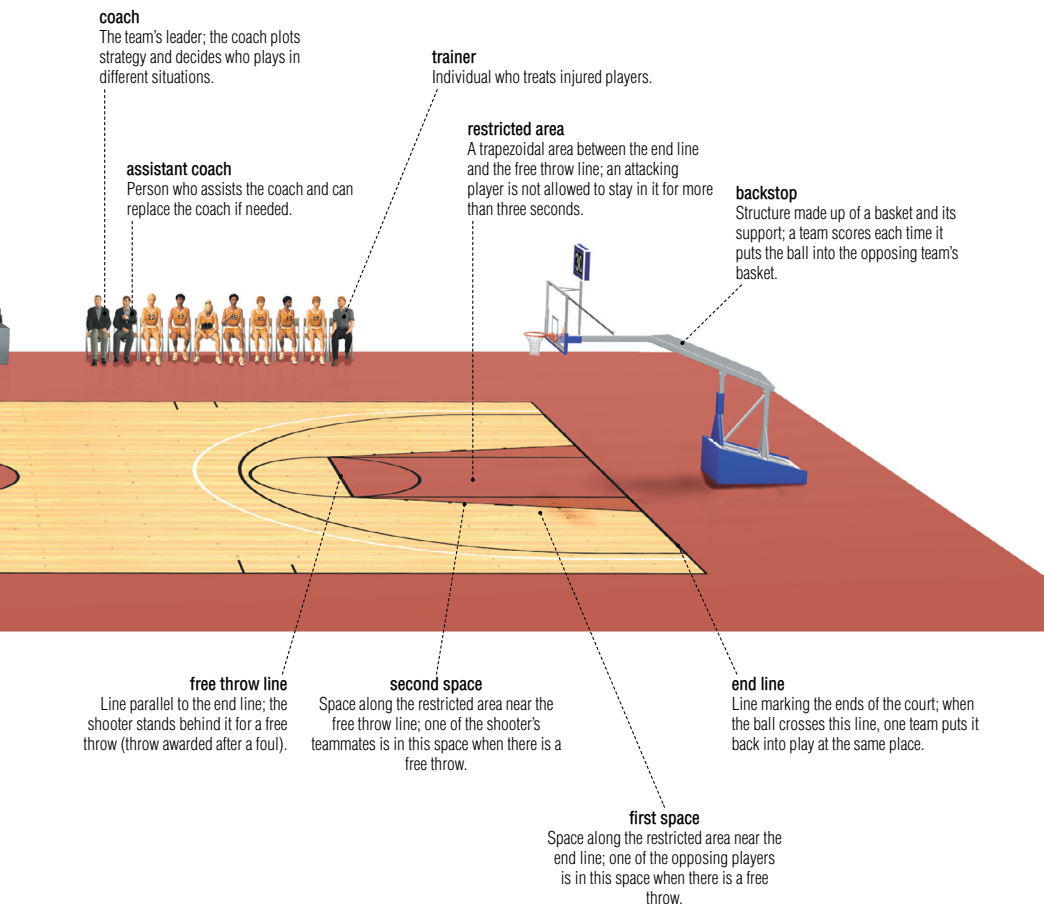
sideline

Line along the sides of the court; when the ball crosses this line, it is put back into play at the same place.

center circle

Circle at center court used for tip-offs at the start of a half and after a goal; a tip-off is when two players jump for the ball and try to push it toward their teammates.





netball

Sport played mainly by women with two opposing teams of seven players; teams score points by throwing a ball into the opponent's basket.

court

Hard rectangular surface (50 ft x 100 ft) on which a netball game is played; a game consists of four 15-minute periods.

goal shooter

Position always in the goal third or goal circle; this player's role is to break away from the goalkeeper, catch passes and shoot on goal.

goalkeeper

Position that defends the team's goal third; this player's role is to prevent the opposing shooter from gaining possession of the ball.

wing attack

Position that covers the center and goal thirds (except the goal circle); this player uses speed and agility to pass the ball to the shooter or the goal attack.

goal circle

Semicircular zone in front of the goal; shots can only be taken from this zone and only by a goal attack or goal shooter.

umpire

One of two officials responsible for applying the rules; this individual's role includes signaling infractions and when the ball leaves the court.

back line

Line marking the ends of the court; when the ball crosses this line, one team puts it back into play at the same place.

sideline

Line along the sides of the playing field; when the ball crosses this line, it is put back into play at the same place.

defense third

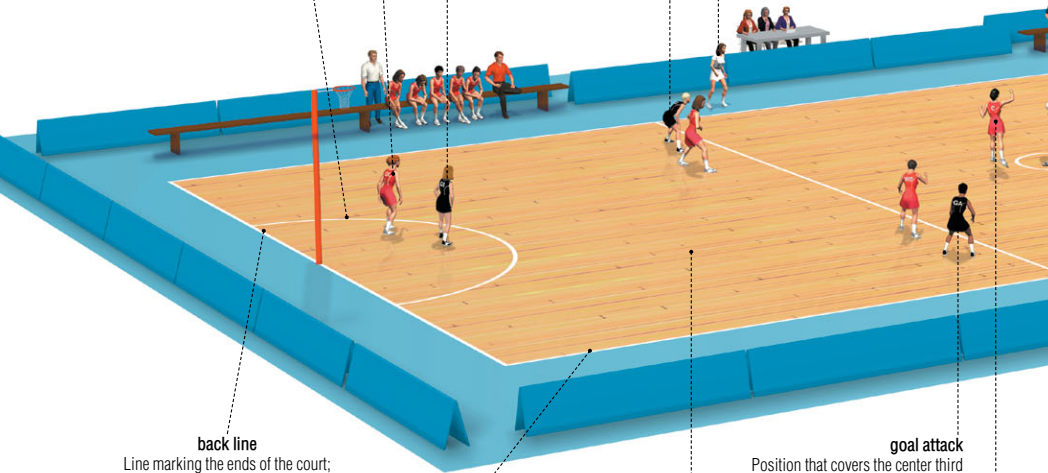
Area between the back line and the center third; attacks and the shooter are not allowed to enter their team's defense third.

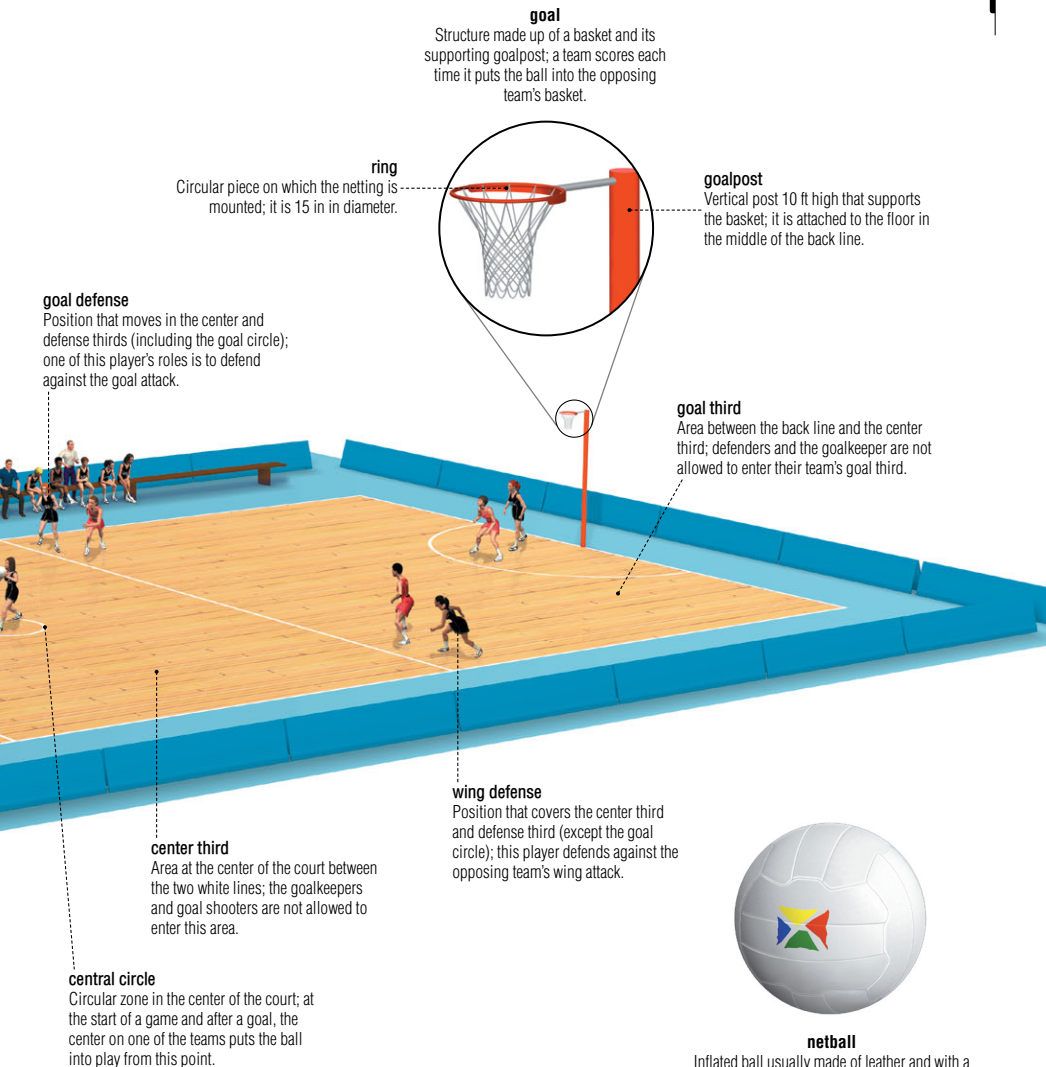
goal attack

Position that covers the center third and goal third (including the goal circle); this player is one of two allowed to shoot on goal.

center

Position that covers the entire court except the goal circles; this player is the link between the team's offense and defense thirds.





volleyball

Sport with two opposing teams of six players who try to ground the ball in the opposing zone by hitting it over the net with their hands.

court

Hard rectangular surface (30 ft x 60 ft) on which a volleyball game is played; the first team to win three sets wins the game.

umpire

Official who signals net faults or faults committed on the attack line and advises the referee when required.

left attacker

Position to the left of the attack zone; this player's main role is making attack hits to score points.

left back

Position on the left side of the back zone; this player's main role is making digs on short balls.

white tape

Strip of tape with a cable passing through it; it is attached to posts to suspend the net.

players' bench

Area for substitute players and coaches; a team can have 12 players, six of whom are on the court during play.

scorer

Official who fills in the score sheet, calls stoppages in play and supervises player rotations.

center back

Position in the back zone; this player's main role is to recover long balls and blocked balls.

right back

Position on the right side of the back zone; this player's main role is making digs on short balls.

center attacker

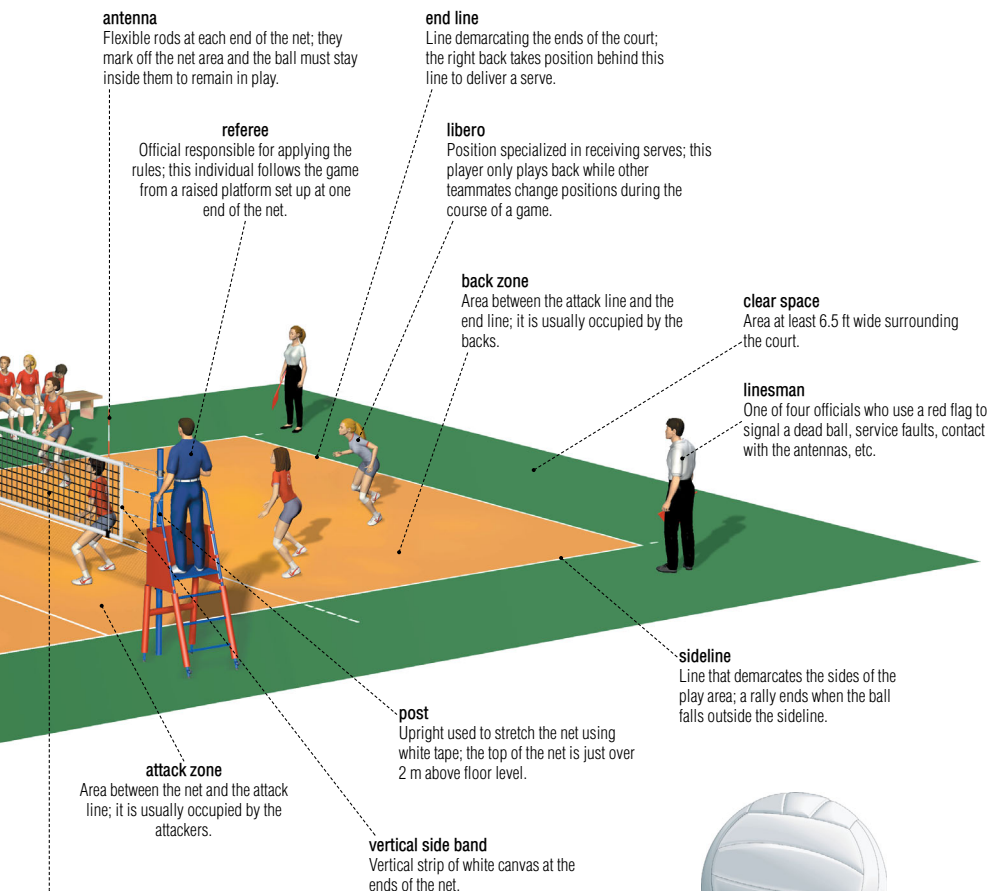
Position that covers the center of the attack zone; this player's main role is to counter the opponent's attacks.

attack line

Line 10 ft from the net; the backs must make attack hits from behind this line.

right attacker

Position to the right of the attack zone; this player's main role is making attack hits to score points.



volleyball

Inflated ball covered with soft leather and with a circumference of about 26 in; it must always be hit and cannot be held or thrown.

handball

Sport with two opposing teams of seven players who try to score points by throwing the ball into the opposing team's net.

court

Hard rectangular surface (20 m x 40 m) on which a handball game is played; a game is made up of two 30-minute periods with a 10-minute break between them.

goal line referee

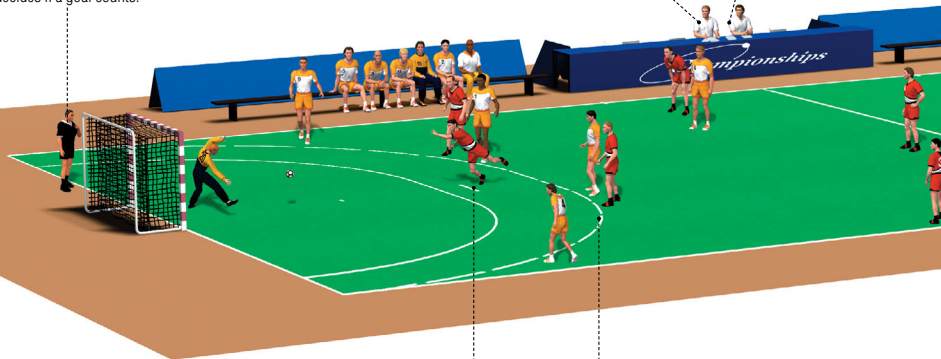
Official responsible for applying the rules; positioned near the goal line, this individual signals infractions and decides if a goal counts.

scorekeeper

Official in charge of timing the game and suspensions and substitute player changes.

timekeeper

Official in charge of timekeeping.



penalty mark

Line parallel to the goal line and 7 m from it; a 7 m free throw (a shot awarded after a penalty) is taken from behind this line.

free throw line

Arc drawn 9 m from the goal; during a 7 m free throw, all players except the shooter must be outside the zone demarcated by this line.



Inflated ball usually covered with leather; it has a circumference of 21 in (women) to 24 in (men) and can be thrown, hit with the fist or dribbled.

table tennis

Sport with two or four opposing players with paddles; they hit a ball onto opposite sides of a net dividing a table in half.

table

Rectangular wooden table (9 ft x 5 ft) that is 2.5 ft above the ground; it is divided in half by a net.

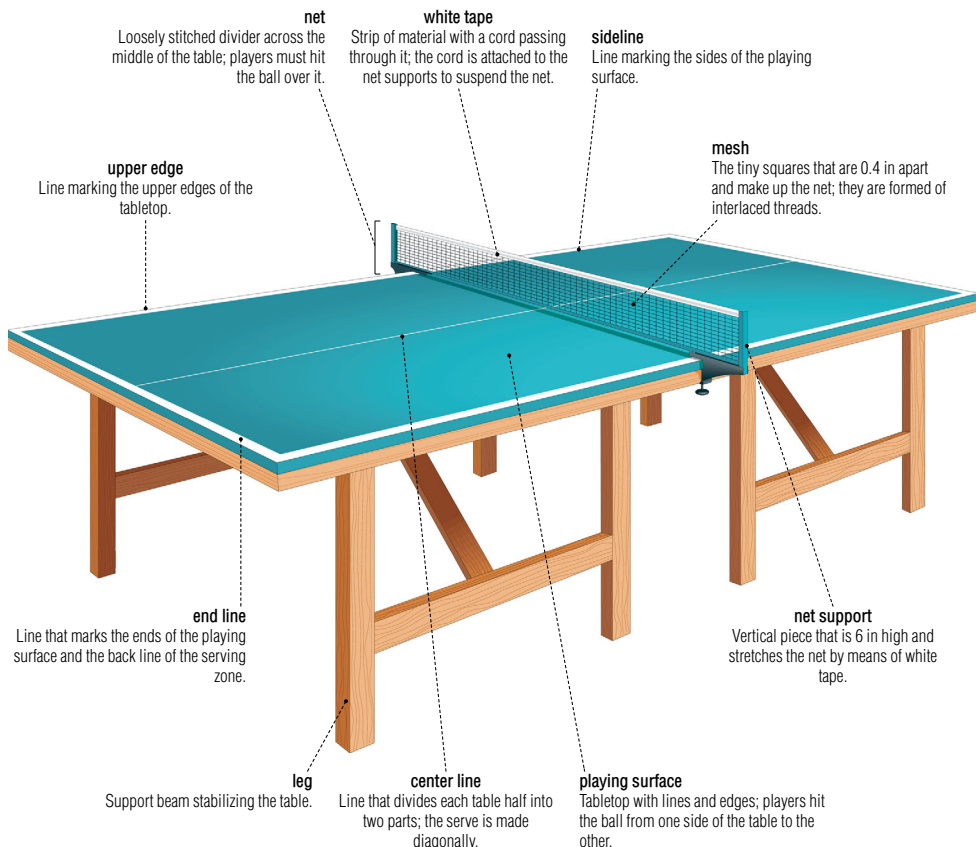


table tennis paddle

Paddle used to strike the ball; paddles come in a variety of shapes, sizes and weights.

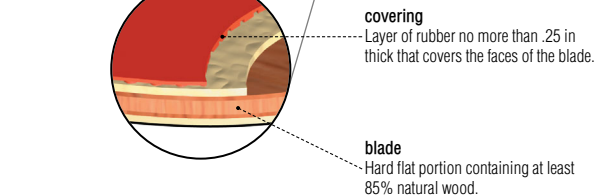
handle
Elongated part that the player grips to control the paddle.

face
Rubber-covered surface used to strike the ball; the paddle has one red and one black face.



table tennis ball

Ball made of celluloid or similar material; it is 1.6 in in diameter and weighs 0.09 oz.

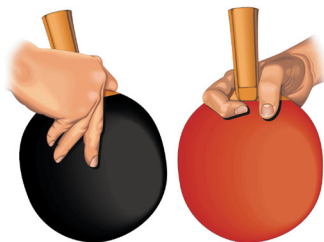


covering
Layer of rubber no more than .25 in thick that covers the faces of the blade.

blade
Hard flat portion containing at least 85% natural wood.

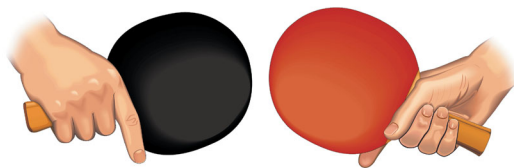
types of grips

There are two principal paddle grips.



penholder grip

Asian grip that is suited to offensive play although it weakens the backhand: the table tennis player uses only one paddle face.



shake-hands grip

The most common grip; both paddle faces can be used and the player can hit forehand and backhand.

badminton

Sport with two or four opposing players that is similar to tennis; players use rackets to hit a shuttlecock onto opposite sides of a net that divides a court in half.

court

Synthetic or hardwood surface that is designed to provide good traction; badminton is usually played indoors.

linesman

One of 10 officials who ensure that the shuttlecock remains inside the lines of play and inform the umpire when a fault is committed.

center line

Line dividing each court half into two sides; the center line separates the left and right service zones.

service judge

Official who monitors the execution of the serve (player position, arrival of the shuttlecock in the appropriate zone, etc.).

back boundary line

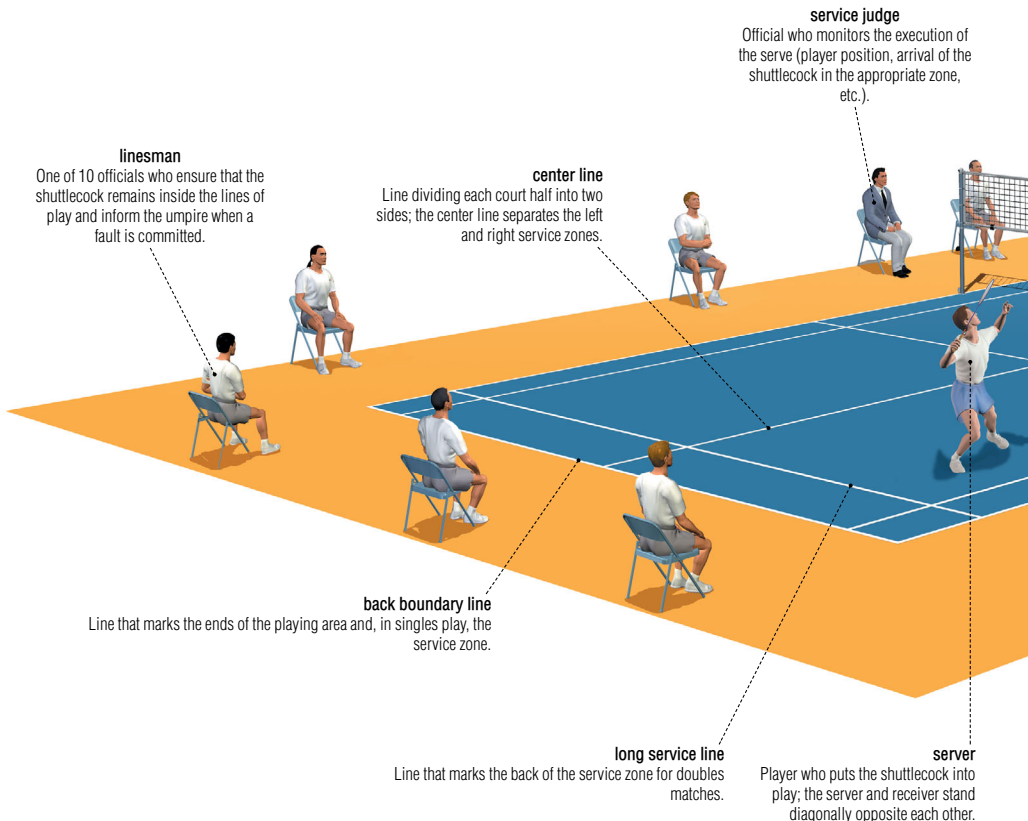
Line that marks the ends of the playing area and, in singles play, the service zone.

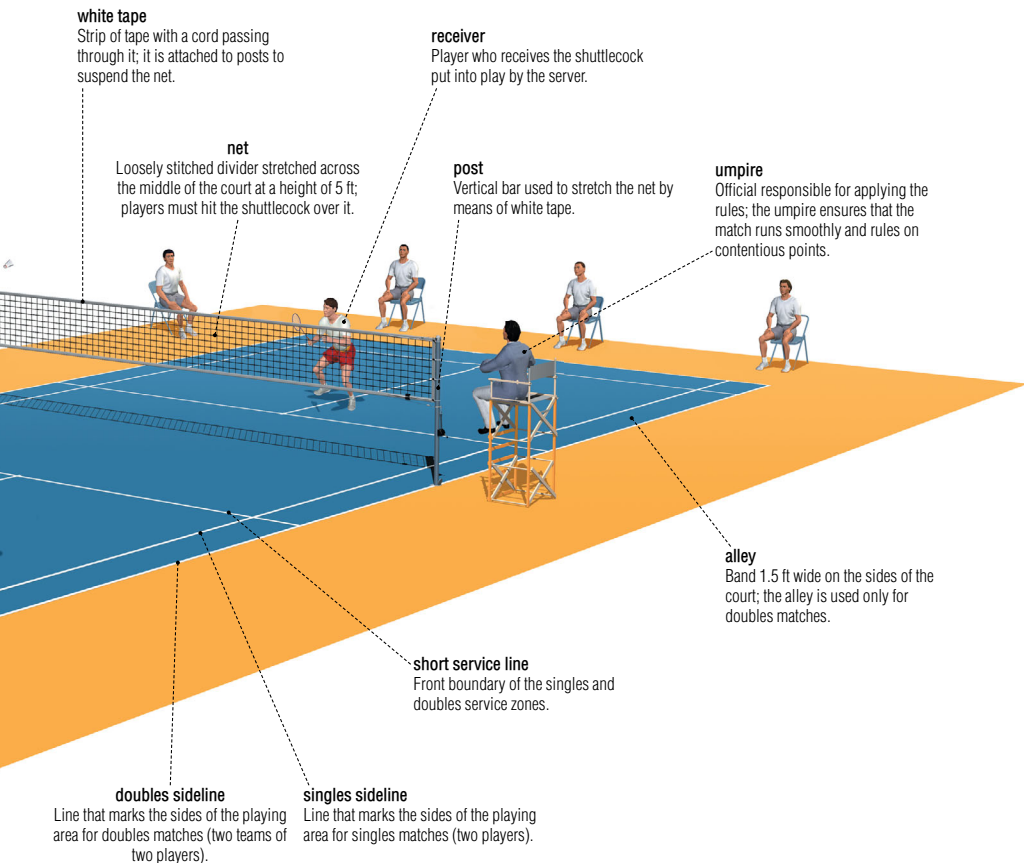
long service line

Line that marks the back of the service zone for doubles matches.

server

Player who puts the shuttlecock into play; the server and receiver stand diagonally opposite each other.

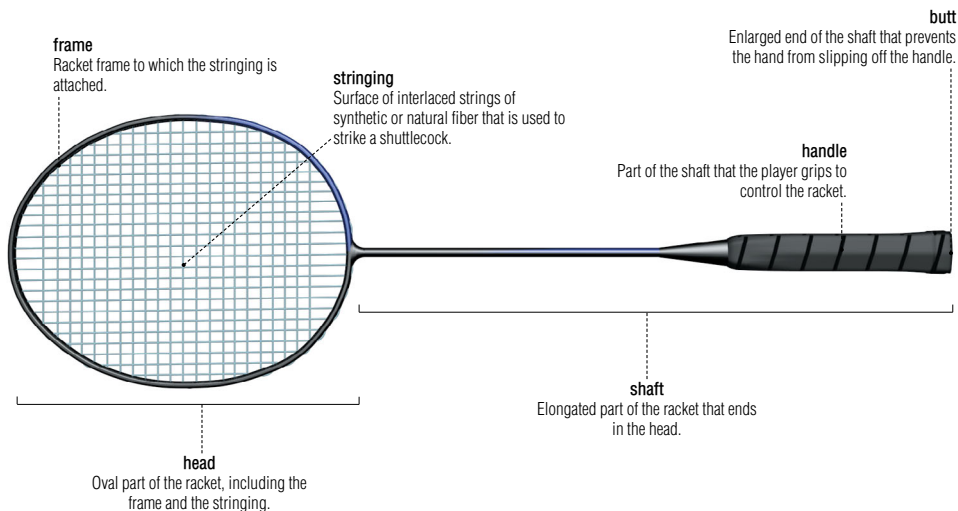




badminton

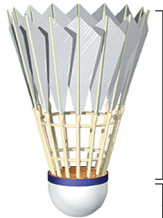
badminton racket

The racket used to strike the shuttlecock is lighter (about 3 oz) and narrower than a tennis racket; its head is about 9 in long and 11 in wide.



feathered shuttlecock

Small piece of cork with 14 to 16 feathers; it is used in competitions.



feather crown

Feathers or synthetic materials attached to the shuttlecock tip to stabilize it and make it aerodynamic.

cork tip

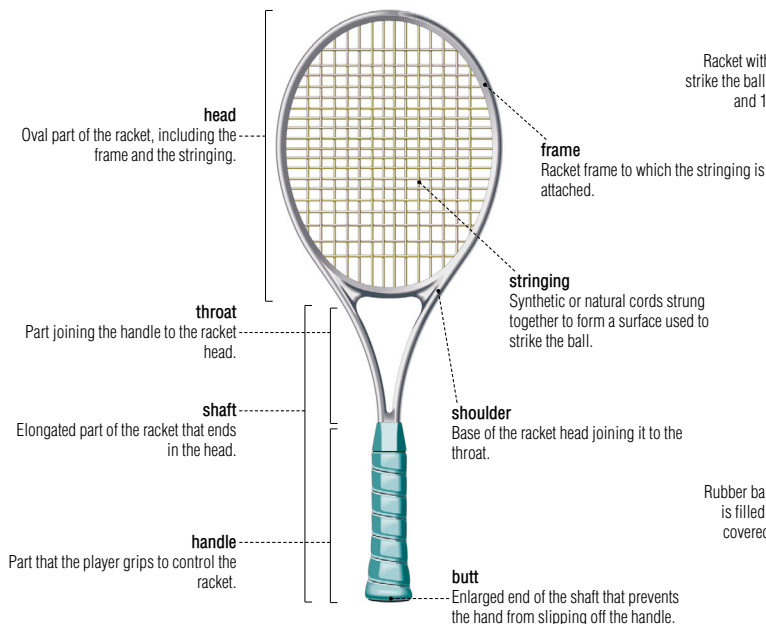
The rounded base of the shuttlecock; it can also be made of synthetic materials.

synthetic shuttlecock

Small plastic cone that is sturdier than the feathered shuttlecock and is usually used for training; it weighs about 0.2 oz, the same as the feathered shuttlecock.



Sport with two or four opposing players with rackets who hit a ball onto opposite sides of a net dividing a court in half.



tennis racket

Racket with an oval head that is used to strike the ball; it usually weighs between 8 and 12 oz and is about 29 in long.

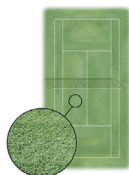


tennis ball

Rubber ball that weighs about 2 oz and is filled with compressed air; it is covered with felt to make it more adherent.

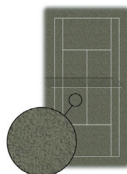
playing surfaces

Tennis is played on various indoor and outdoor surfaces; playing strategies are adapted to the court surface.



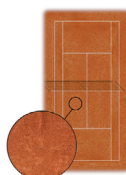
grass

Extremely fast playing surface that favors a serve-and-volley game; grass surfaces are increasingly rare due to high maintenance costs.



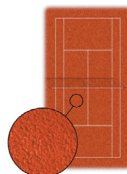
hard surface (cement)

Surface given to fast bounces; hard surfaces quickly wear out shoes and balls.



clay

Slow and comfortable surface given to long rallies; clay courts require regular but low-cost maintenance.



synthetic surface

Soft elastic surface that offers excellent bounce and reduces the risk of injury.

tennis

court

Rectangular surface (78 ft x 27 ft for singles, 78 ft x 36 ft for doubles) designed for playing tennis; it is divided in half by a net.

pole

Vertical pole that stretches the net by means of a net band, keeping it 3.5 ft above the court.

umpire

Official responsible for applying the rules; the umpire ensures that the match runs smoothly and rules on contentious points.

service line

Line on each side of the net and parallel to it at a distance of 21 ft; it marks the back boundary of the service courts.

service judge

Official who signals service line faults and informs the umpire when the server commits a fault.

doubles sideline

Line that marks the sides of the playing area for doubles matches (two teams of two players).

ball boy

Person who retrieves balls from the court after each rally in a tournament.

center line judge

Official who signals center line service faults and informs the umpire when the server commits a fault.

alley

Band that is 4.5 ft wide on the sides of the court; the alley is used only for doubles matches.

linesman

One of the officials who ensure that the ball remains inside the lines of play and inform the umpire when a player commits a fault.

center mark

Broken line marking the middle of the baseline; players use the center mark to take position for serving or receiving.

receiver

Player who returns the ball put into play by the server.

foot fault judge

Official responsible for signaling foot faults, which occur when the server steps on the baseline.

center strap

Strip of fabric connected to the ground in the center of the net; it keeps the net at regulation height (3 ft).

right service court

Zone in which the serve must bounce; it is diagonally opposite the server.

server

Player who puts the ball into play; the server and receiver must stand in diagonally opposite zones.

left service court

Zone in which the serve must bounce; it is diagonally opposite the server.

baseline

Line marking the end of the court; the server stands behind the baseline.

singles sideline

Line that marks the side of the playing area for singles matches (two players).

net judge

Official responsible for calling net serves; the net judge also regulates net height before and during a match.

net

Loosely stitched divider stretched across the middle of the court; players must hit the ball over it.

forecourt

Zone between the net and the service line.

net band

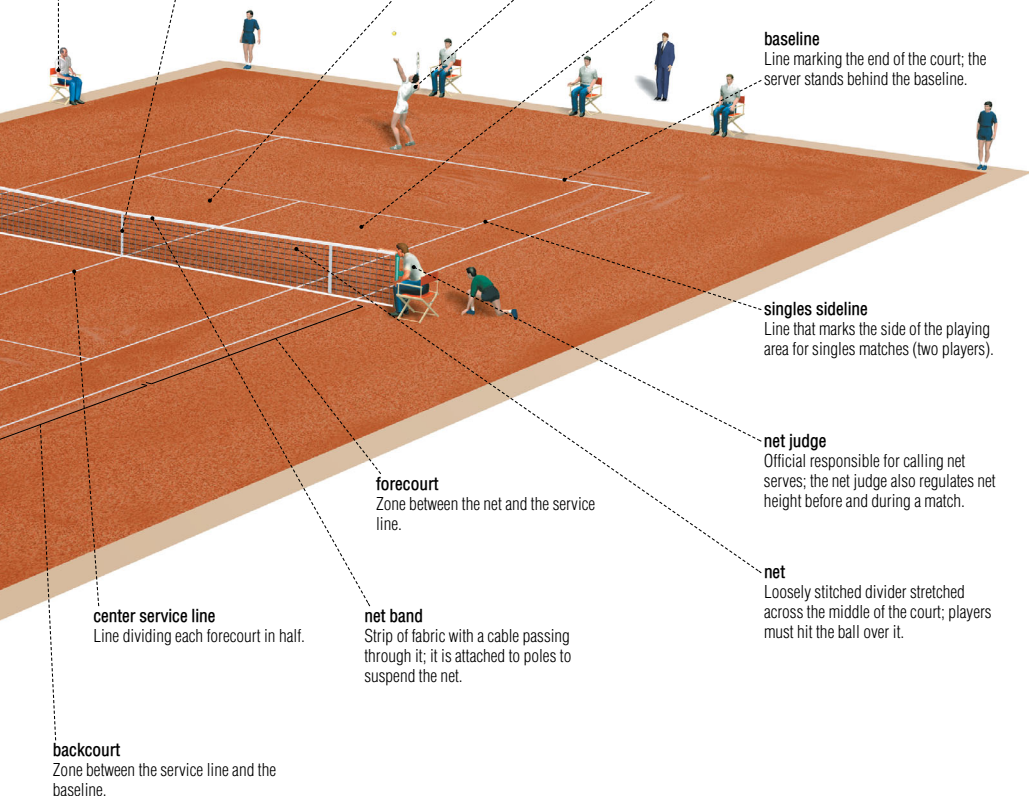
Strip of fabric with a cable passing through it; it is attached to poles to suspend the net.

center service line

Line dividing each forecourt in half.

backcourt

Zone between the service line and the baseline.



trampoline

Apparatus made up of a bed stretched by springs; the gymnasts perform acrobatic freestyle by jumping and bouncing on it.

frame

Metal body supporting the bed by means of springs; for competitions, the frame is 3.7 ft above the floor.

safety pad

Cushioned mat covering the frame to prevent injuries to the gymnast.

bed

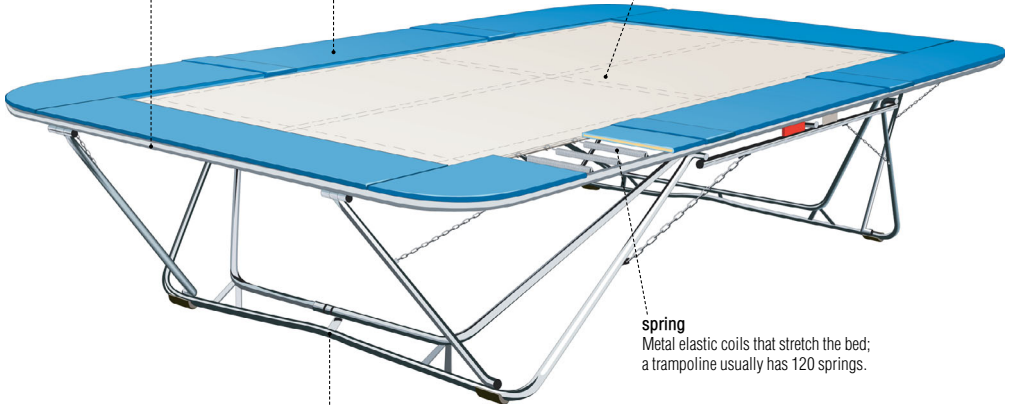
Canvas that is usually made of nylon; the gymnast bounces and performs acrobatic freestyle on it.

spring

Metal elastic coils that stretch the bed; a trampoline usually has 120 springs.

leg

Metal structure supporting the trampoline frame.



Combining gymnastics with dance, this women's discipline requires especially suppleness, strength and dexterity for manipulating the apparatuses.

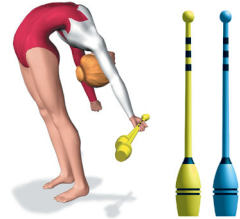
apparatus

Rhythmic gymnastics is practiced using five accessories (apparatuses), which for the most part are made of synthetic material.



ribbon

Band that the gymnast must keep constantly moving by forming very precise figures, such as serpentine, spirals and circles.



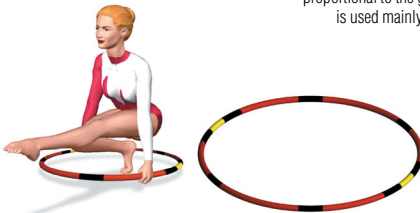
clubs

Apparatuses that are manipulated in a choreography made up of rotations, throwing and asymmetrical movements.



rope

Apparatus whose length is proportional to the gymnast's height; it is used mainly for jumping.



hoop

Rigid apparatus used in a wide variety of manipulations, such as rotations, throwing, rolls and passing through.



ball

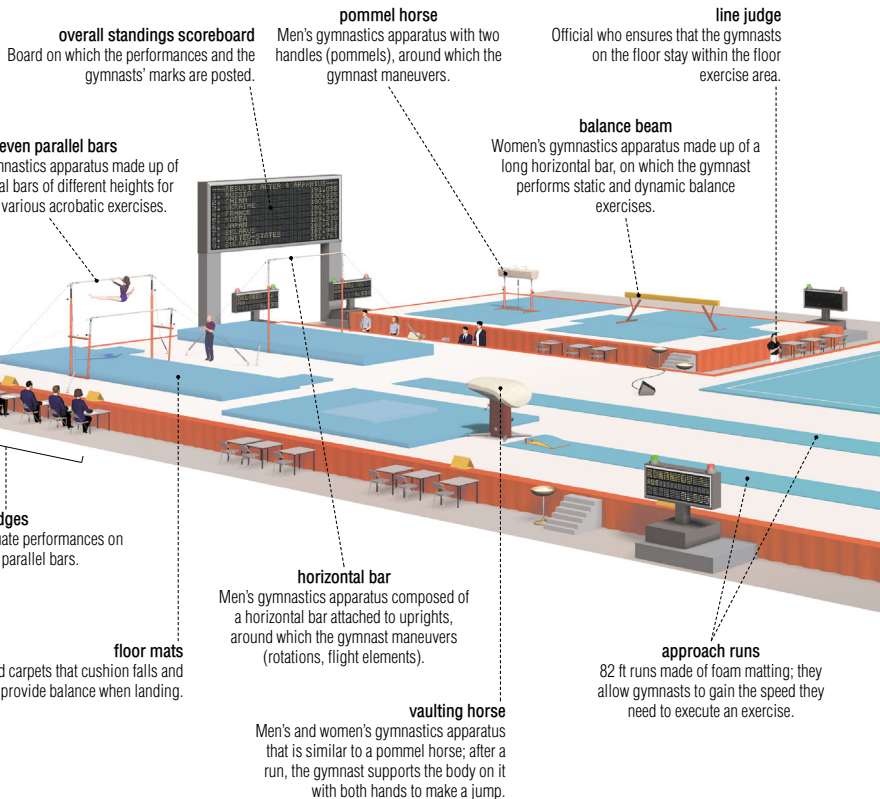
Sphere that the gymnast manipulates to bring out suppleness and corporal expression, as well as the contrast between power for throwing and gentleness for catching.

gymnastics

Sports discipline practiced on the ground with apparatuses such as rings, bars and beams.

event platform

Platform that contains the necessary material and apparatuses to hold gymnastics competitions.



floor exercise area

40 ft² pad on which the gymnast performs exercises on the floor.

current event scoreboard

Judges grade exercises performed by the gymnasts based on execution, technique and artistic value.

judges

Officials who evaluate floor exercises.

rings

Men's gymnastics apparatus made up of two rings that hang from cables, which are fixed to a frame; they are used especially for power elements and fast swing exercises.

parallel bars

Men's gymnastics apparatus made up of two horizontal bars set at the same height; they are for performing various acrobatic exercises.

judges

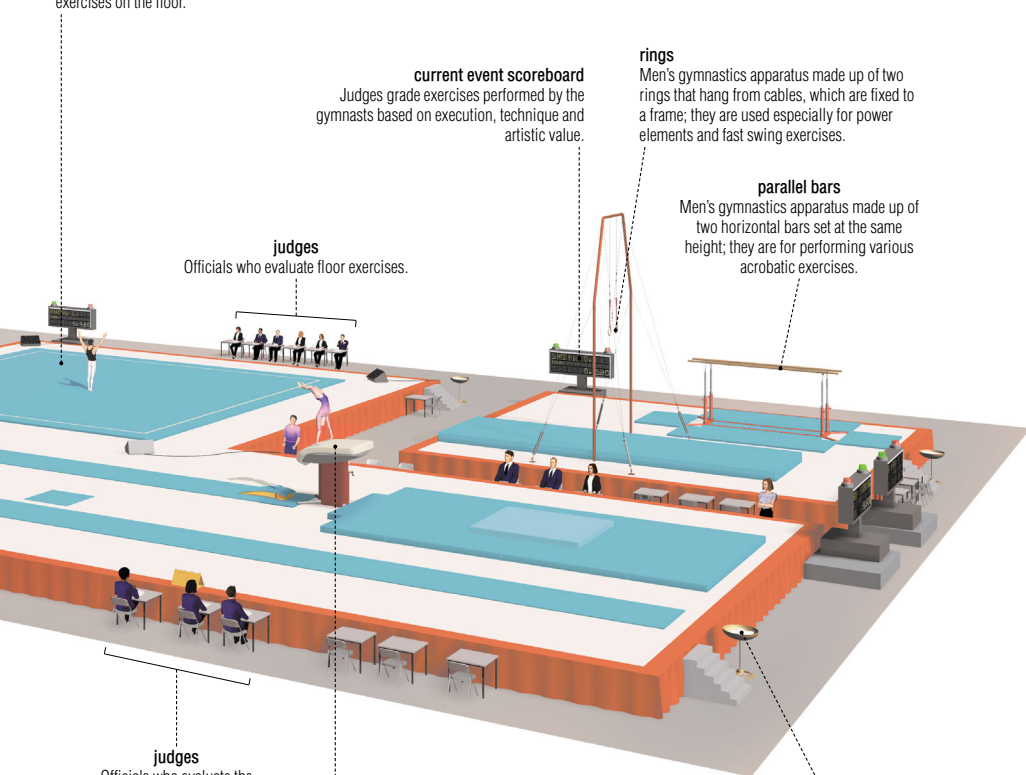
Officials who evaluate the performances on the vaulting horse (women).

vaulting horse

Men's and women's gymnastics apparatus that is similar to a pommel horse; after a run, the gymnast supports the body on it with both hands to make a jump.

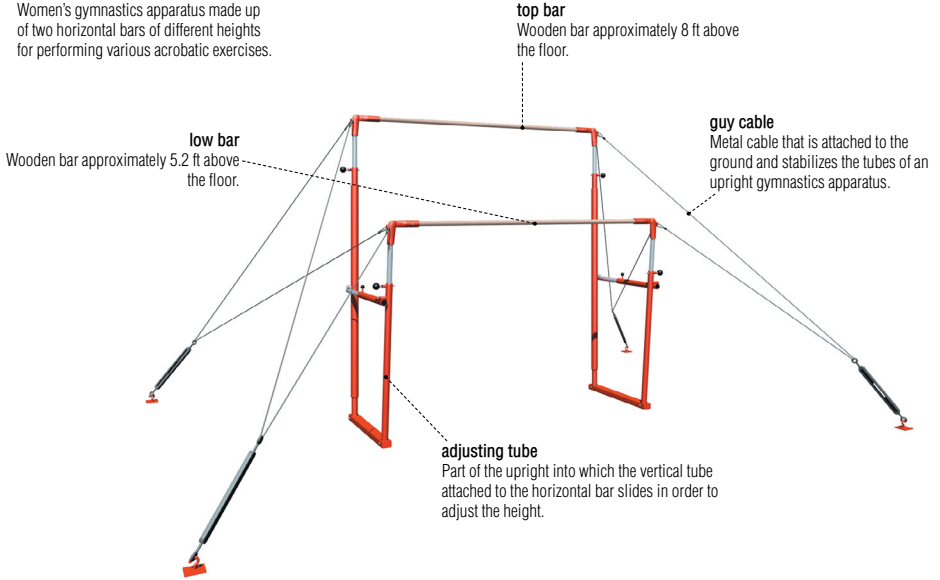
magnesium powder

White magnesium-based powder that absorbs sweat from the gymnasts' hands; this provides a surer grip on the apparatuses.



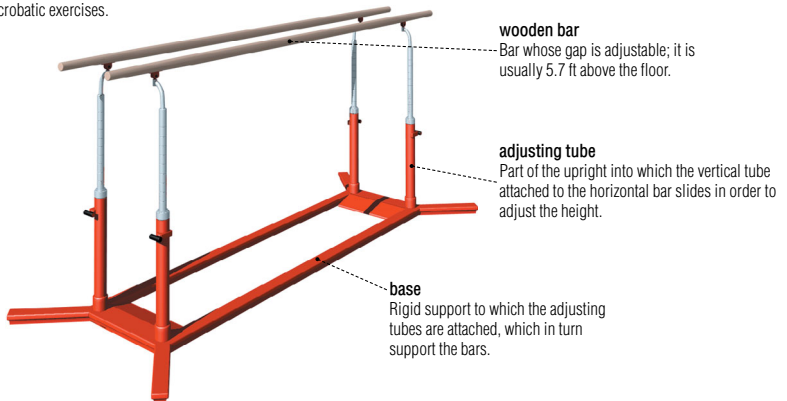
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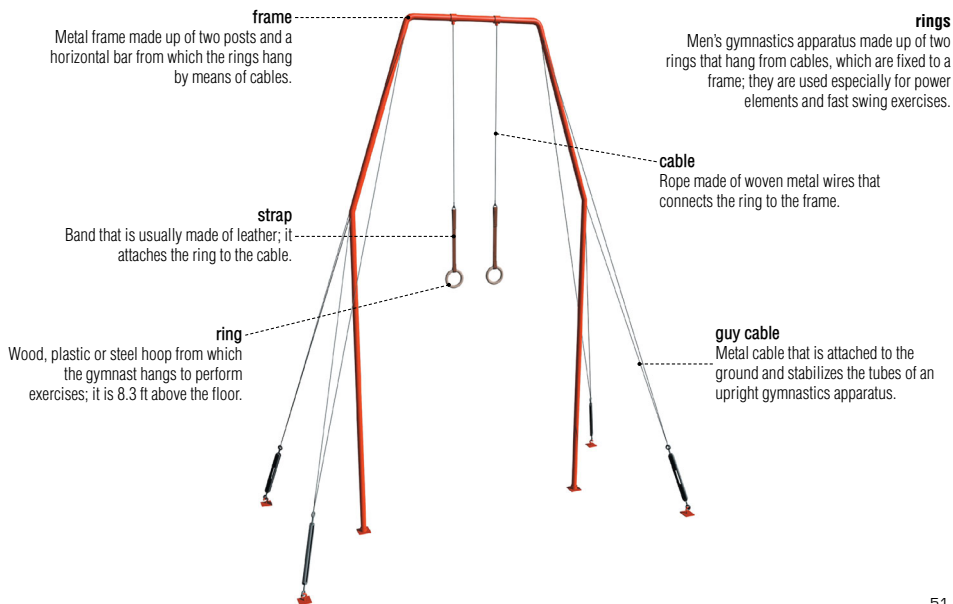
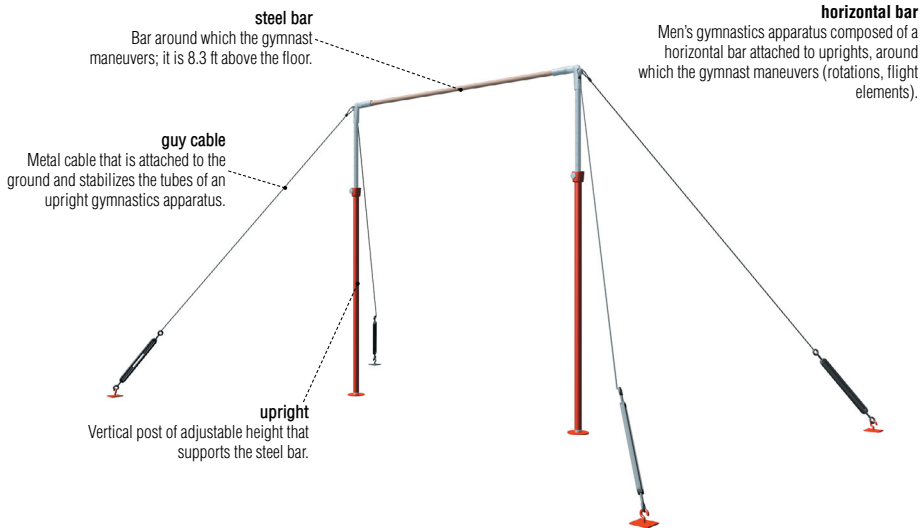
Women's gymnastics apparatus made up of two horizontal bars of different heights for performing various acrobatic exercises.



parallel bars

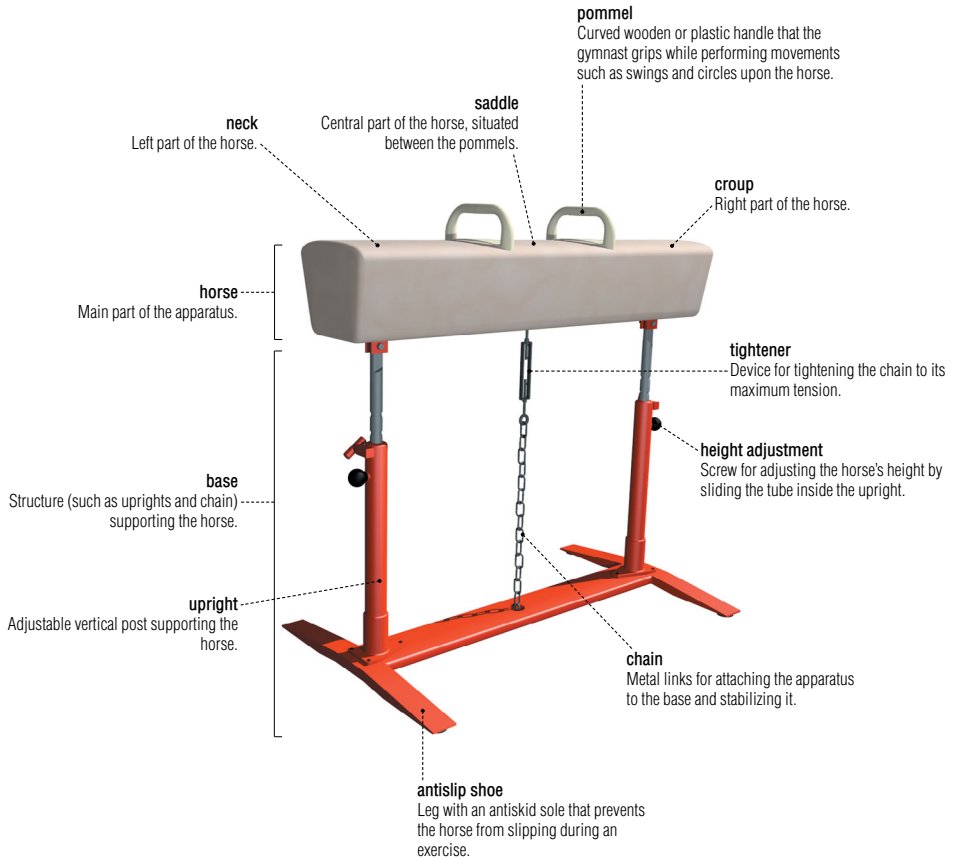
Men's gymnastics apparatus made up of two horizontal bars set at the same height; they are for performing various acrobatic exercises.





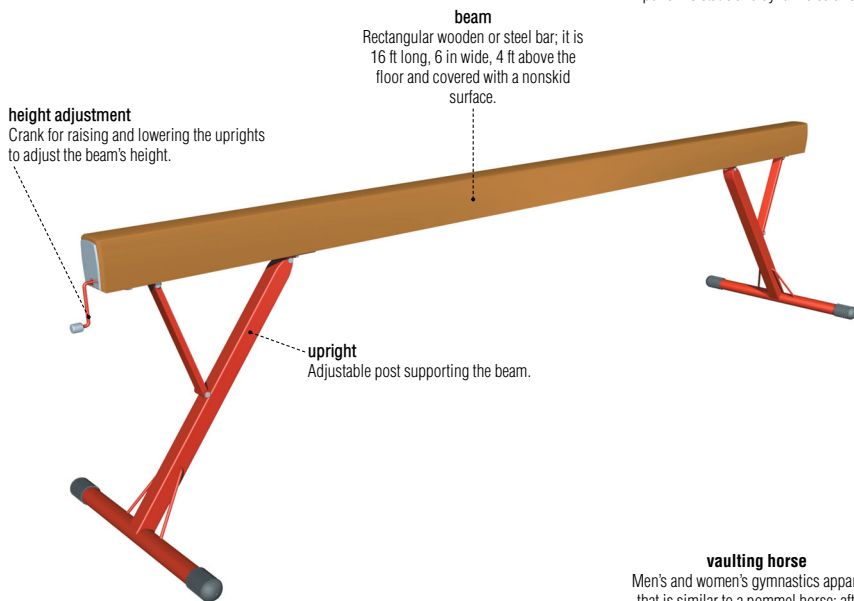
pommel horse

Men's gymnastics apparatus with two handles (pommels), around which the gymnast maneuvers.

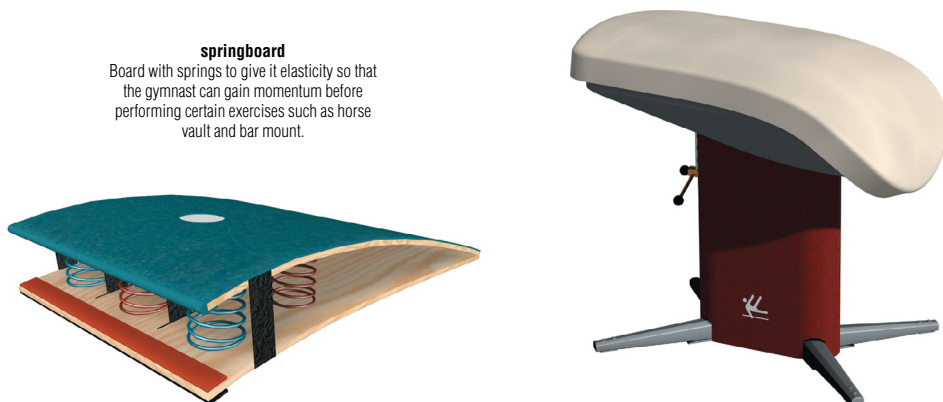


balance beam

Women's gymnastics apparatus made up of a long horizontal bar, on which the gymnast performs static and dynamic balance exercises.

**vaulting horse**

Men's and women's gymnastics apparatus that is similar to a pommel horse; after a run, the gymnast supports the body on it with both hands to make a jump.



water polo

Sport played in a pool with two teams of seven opposing players who attempt to score points at the opposite goal using a ball.

player

Member of a water polo team; during a game, the player must always stay in the water, never touch the bottom and not hold on to the sides of the pool.

cap

Flexible cap with ear protectors on which the player's number is written; each team wears a cap of a distinct color.

water polo ball

Waterproof sphere that is filled with air and is usually yellow; the players (except for the goalkeeper) may not hold the ball with both hands.

timekeepers

Officials in charge of the game's time, exclusions, continuous possession of the ball (maximum 35 seconds before taking a shot) and so on.

secretaries

Officials who write up the game's report (such as goals scored, fouls and exclusions) and signal the return of temporarily excluded players.

swimming pool

Pool in which a water polo game takes place; a game has four periods of seven minutes each divided by breaks of two minutes each.

goal judge

Official whose main function is to decide on the validity of goals and to report balls gone behind the goal line (corners).

goal line

Line that the ball must pass to score a goal; the players line up along it before a period begins.

2 m line

4 m line

7 m line

goal

Cage made up of a net mounted on a frame; a team scores a point each time it succeeds in placing the ball in the opposing goal.

crossbar

Horizontal part connecting the two posts; the bar and the posts are made of plastic, metal or wood.

net

Loosely stitched netting attached to the back of the post; it keeps the ball inside the goal.

floaters

Float that keeps the goal above the surface of the water; the goal is also held in place by cables attached to the sides of the pool.

post

Two vertical supports for the goal; they are located 10 ft from each other.

goalkeeper

Player whose role is to prevent the ball from entering the goal; the goalkeeper wears a red cap.

team bench

Space where substitute players and team officials sit; a team has 13 players but only seven are in the water at the same time.

coach

The team's leader; the coach plots strategy and decides who plays in different situations.

excluded players re-entry area

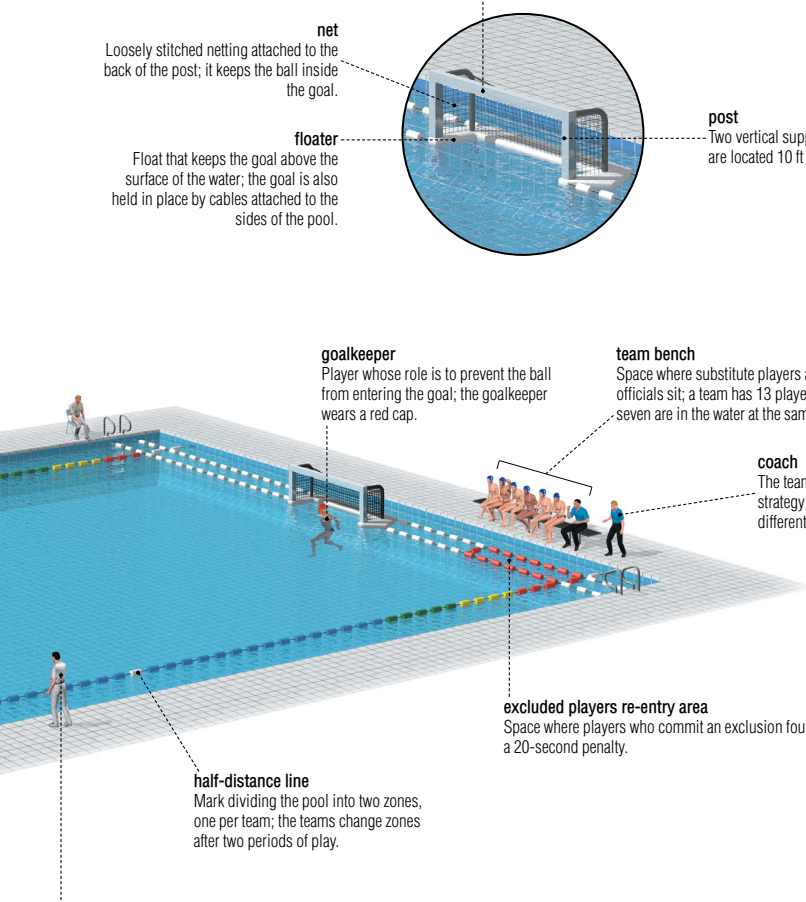
Space where players who commit an exclusion foul serve a 20-second penalty.

half-distance line

Mark dividing the pool into two zones, one per team; the teams change zones after two periods of play.

referee

Official who is in charge of enforcing the rules; this individual supervises the game and signals violations by blowing a whistle.



swimming

Sport consisting of swimming a defined distance (which varies depending on the four recognized stroke categories) as quickly as possible.

competitive course

The events, for singles and teams, take place in a pool that is 25 m or 50 m (Olympic-sized pool) long.

finish wall

Wall that the swimmer must touch to end a race; it is also the wall for turning around during events longer than 100 m in an Olympic-sized pool.

referee

Official who enforces the rules and oversees the progress of the competition; the referee ratifies the judges' decisions and resolves any disputes that may arise.

stroke judge

Each of the four officials checking the acceptability of the swimmers' movements, depending on the stroke category.

starter

Official who gives the start signal; false starts lead to the disqualification of the swimmer in error.

false start rope

Rope that is 50 ft from the wall; it is dropped into the water in the event of a false start to inform the swimmers that they must resume their starting positions.

lane timekeeper

Official who manually registers the finish time of the competitor swimming in an assigned lane.

starting block

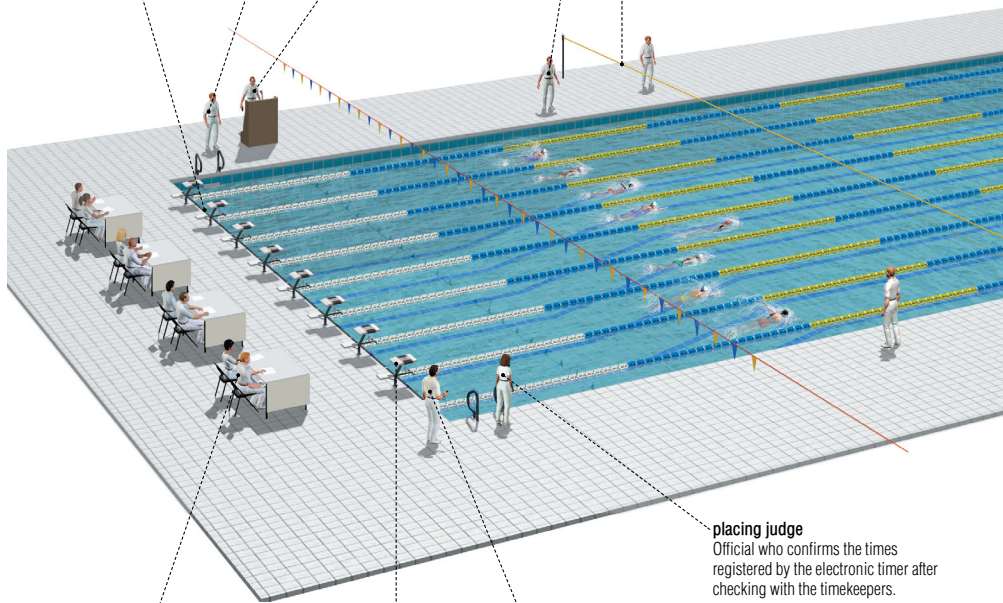
Metal elevated structure from which the swimmer dives into the pool to start a race.

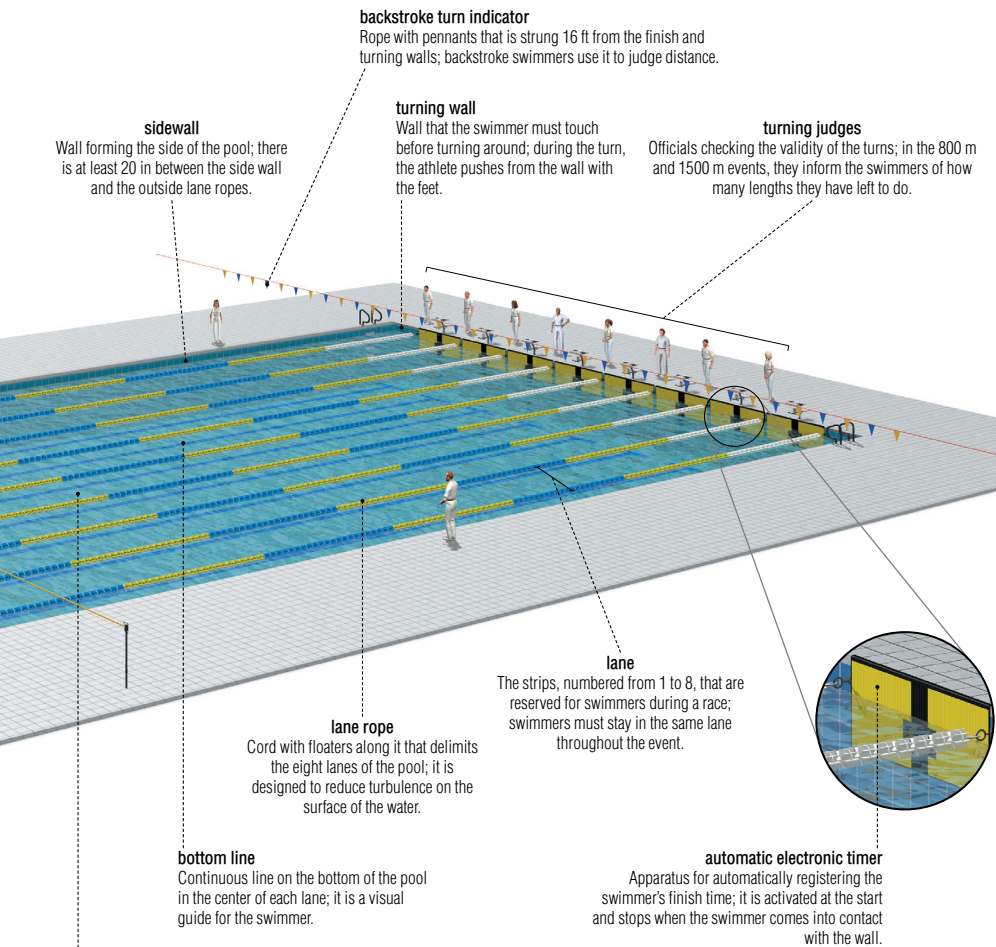
chief timekeeper

Official who collects the times registered by the lane timekeepers; these data are used in the event the electronic timer fails.

placing judge

Official who confirms the times registered by the electronic timer after checking with the timekeepers.





swimming pool

Pool where swimming competitions take place; the water in it is maintained at a constant temperature (around 78°F) and depth.

swimming

types of strokes

Four basic categories are recognized by the International Amateur Swimming Federation (FINA): the breaststroke, the butterfly, the backstroke and freestyle (the crawl).

front crawl stroke

Stroke performed on the stomach in which the arms alternate in moving toward the front; it is very fast and is usually used in freestyle races.

**breaststroke**

Stroke characterized by a series of simultaneous arm movements (toward the front, toward the outside and toward the rear) that are synchronized with the beating of the legs.

**turning wall**

Wall that the swimmer must touch before turning around; during the turn, the athlete pushes from the wall with the feet.

butterfly stroke

Stroke on the stomach in which the two arms are thrust simultaneously toward the front and then brought backward.

**backstroke**

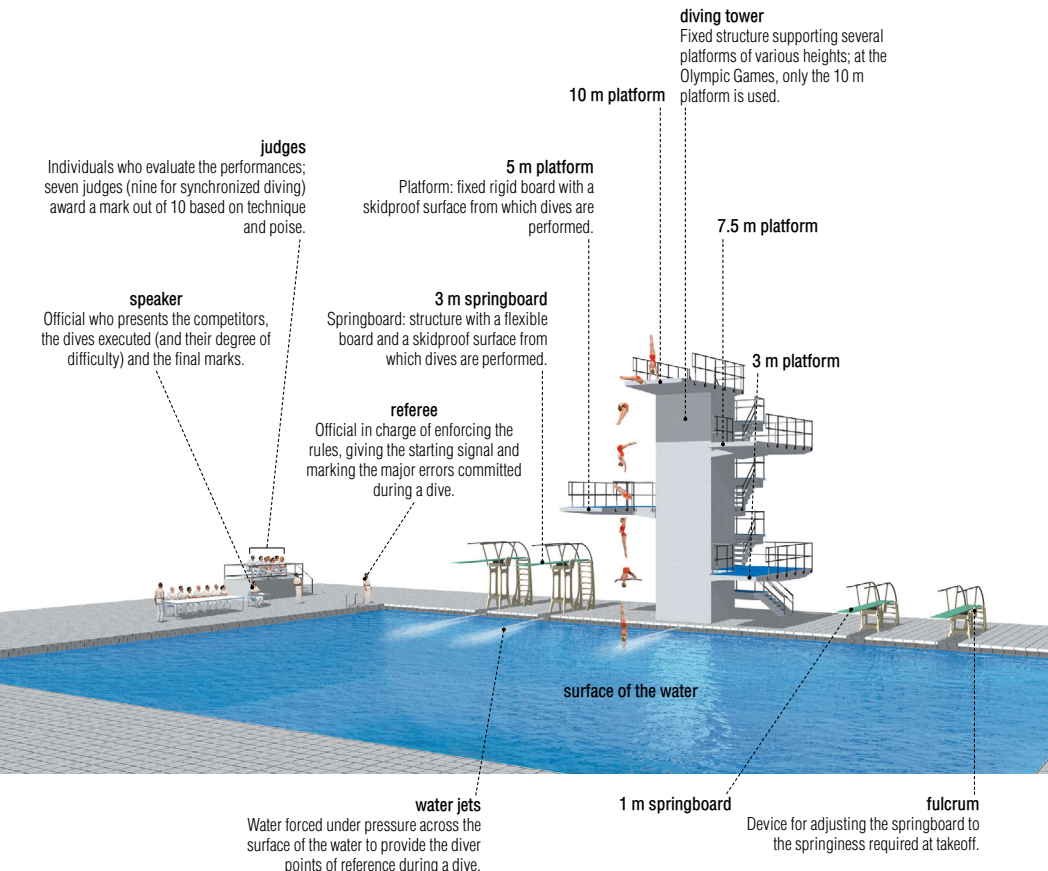
Stroke characterized by an alternating rotation of the arms toward the back; the outstretched legs make an alternating beating movement at the same time.



Sport consisting of executing simple to complex dives into the water from a platform or a springboard.

diving installations

Equipment (such as springboards, platforms and tower) for diving; during a competition, the divers execute several dives and the points they earn are cumulative.



diving

starting positions

Dives are started with or without run-up walks and in one of the positions recognized by the International Amateur Swimming Federation (FINA).

**armstand**

Started on the hands for five seconds; this type of dive is done from a platform.

**forward**

Dive started facing the water and followed by one or more forward spins.

**backward**

Dive started with the back turned toward the water; the competitor then executes one or more backward spins.

**reverse**

Dive started facing the water; the athlete then performs one or more backward spins.

**inward**

Dive started with the back turned toward the water; the diver then performs one or more forward spins.

examples of dives

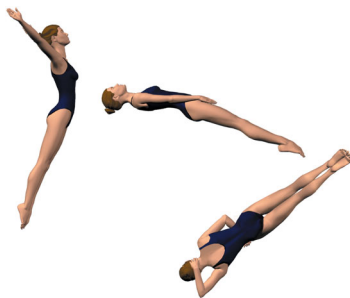
There are some 90 different dives that are distinguished by their start position, their form in flight and the figure presented (somersault, twist).

**synchronized diving**

Dive performed simultaneously by two athletes forming a team; the positions are the same as for individual events and must be executed simultaneously.

flights

Position of the body between the start and the entry; it must match one of the three positions authorized by FINA.

**straight position**

Position in which the body remains perfectly straight and the arms are free (above the head or along the body).

**pike position**

Position in which the body is bent at the hips and the legs are outstretched; the arms are free.

**tuck position**

Position in which the body is bent at the knees and hips with the knees and the feet together; the hands hold the legs.

entries

The diver enters the water in the vertical position, head or feet first, while attempting to produce the least amount of splashing possible.

**head-first entry****feet-first entry**

sailing

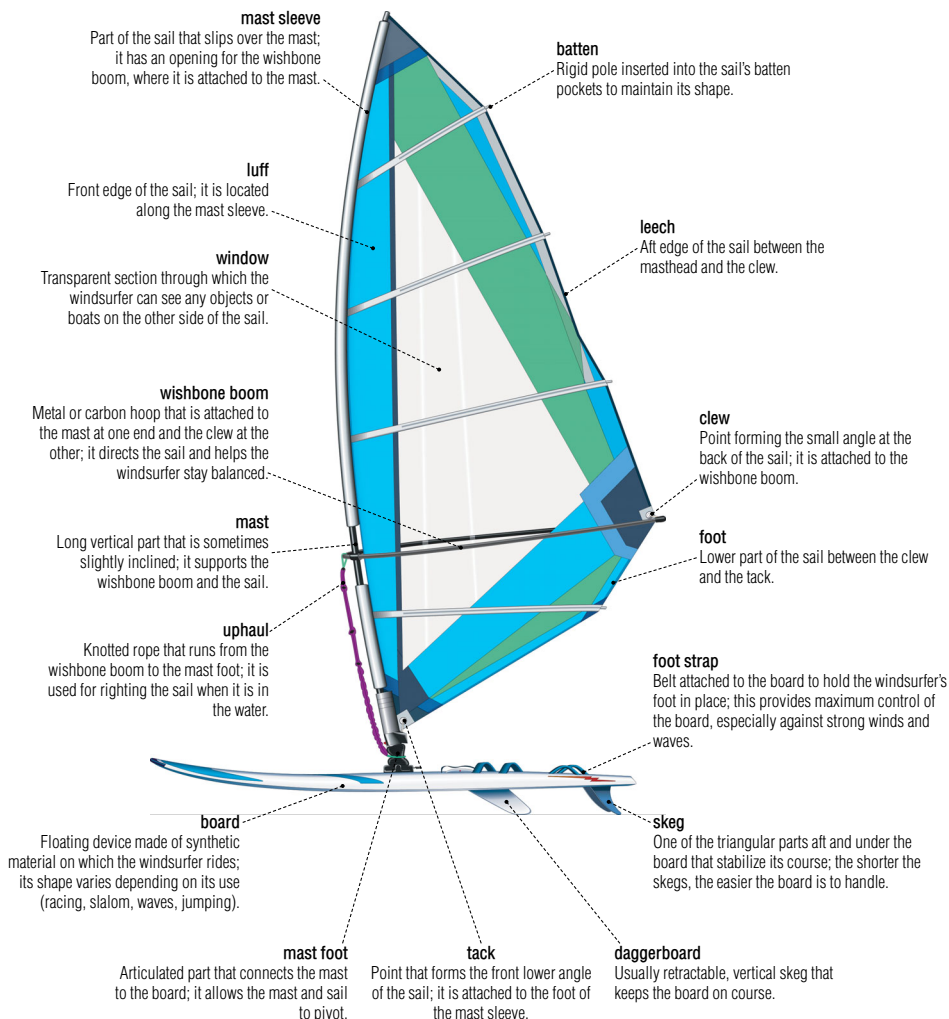
Sport navigation practiced on a sailboat. There are several classes of sailboats and various types of competitions such as regattas and transoceanic races.

sailboat

Small monohull sailboat with a retractable centerboard; ballast is provided by the weight of the crew.



Floating board with a sail; it is used in windsurfing, a sport consisting of gliding on water.



rowing and sculling

Sport consisting of a speed race in a straight line over a maximum distance of 2000 m; races take place on calm water in boats designed for the purpose.

parts of a boat

Boat: long and tapered lightweight vessel that is propelled by one to eight rowers; their oars are supported by an outrigger.

rudder cable

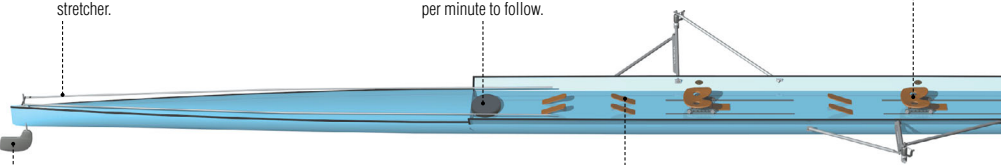
Cable used by the coxswain to direct the rudder; in a coxless boat, the cable may be connected to a rower's foot stretcher.

coxswain's seat

Part on which the coxswain sits facing the rest of the team; the coxswain steers the boat and gives the rowers instructions and the strokes per minute to follow.

sliding seat

Part on which the rower sits; it slides along rails to increase movement range and efficiency.



rudder

Submerged component that pivots on a vertical axle and is used to steer the boat.

foot stretcher

Part attached to the bottom of the boat; it supports the rowers' feet to provide the best draw.

types of oars

Oar: instrument that is made up of a slightly curved blade, which is connected to a long shaft; it propels the boat.

sculling oar

Short oar that is manipulated with one arm; it is used in tandem with a second rower to propel a sculling boat.



grip

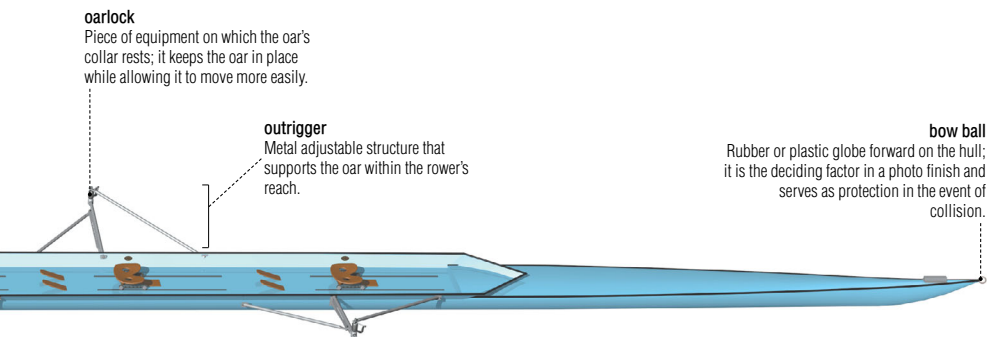
End of the oar that is gripped by the rower.

rubber sheath

Plastic or rubber casing that covers and protects the shaft; the collar is mounted on it.

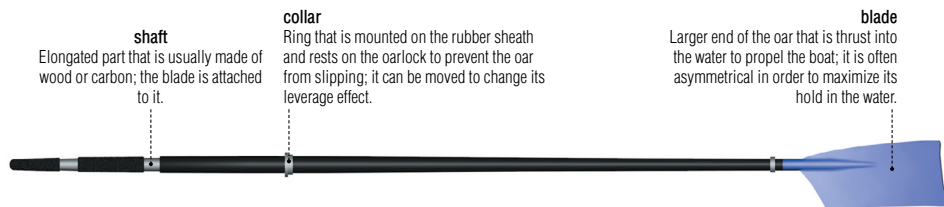
blade

Larger end of the oar that is thrust into the water to propel the boat; it is often asymmetrical in order to maximize its hold in the water.



sweep oar

Oar that is manipulated with both arms and is used to propel a sweep boat; it is longer than a sculling oar and has a larger blade.

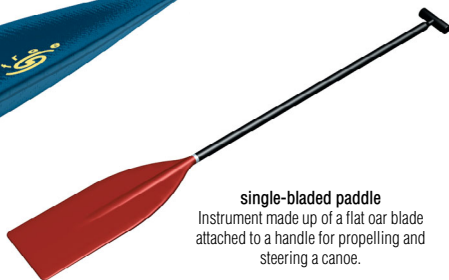


canoe-kayak: whitewater

Sport of traveling in a canoe or kayak in water ranging from calm to turbulent in a river or man-made course.

canoe

Closed boat that is somewhat wider than a kayak and seats one or two people; it is propelled with a single-bladed paddle in a kneeling position.



single-bladed paddle

Instrument made up of a flat oar blade attached to a handle for propelling and steering a canoe.

kayak

Long narrow closed boat with a round hull that provides stability and maneuverability; it is propelled with a double-bladed paddle in a seated position.

spray skirt

Flexible waterproof part that is attached around the opening; it fits snugly around the kayaker's waist to prevent water from entering the boat.



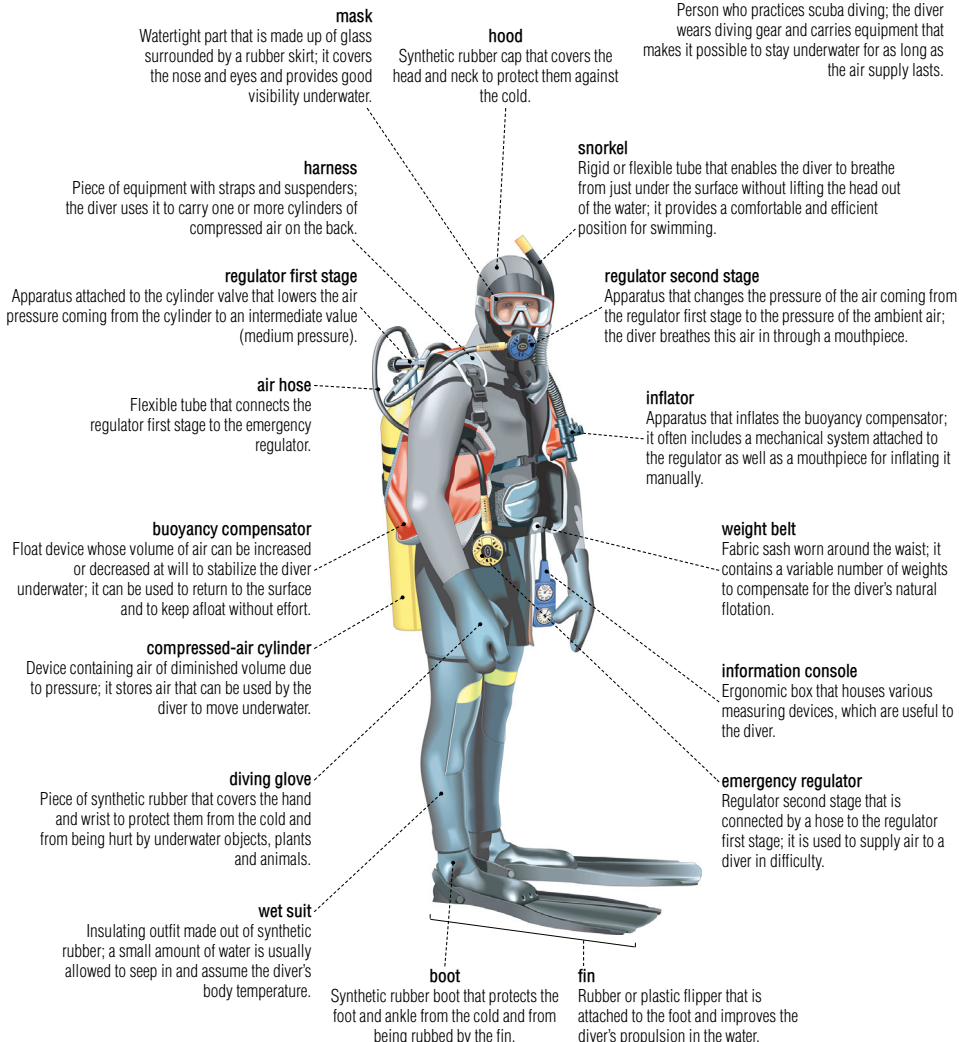
double-bladed paddle

Instrument with two curved oar blades that are attached to a handle; it propels and steers the kayak by paddling on alternating sides of the boat.

Sport consisting of descending underwater and swimming around; it can be done holding one's breath or with scuba gear.

scuba diver

Person who practices scuba diving; the diver wears diving gear and carries equipment that makes it possible to stay underwater for as long as the air supply lasts.



boxing

Sport in which two opponents wearing gloves fight each other with their fists (English boxing) or with their fists and feet (French boxing) following a code of rules.

ring

Square podium that is surrounded by stretched ropes and measures from 18 to 22 ft on the inside of the ropes; the boxing bout takes place on it.

referee

Official who enforces the rules and directs the fight in the ring; after the bout, this individual collects and checks the judges' scores.

corner pad

Padded layer covering the posts to prevent injuries.

boxer

Athlete who practices boxing; boxers are classified into weight categories.

ring post

Pole located at the four corners of the ring that supports and stretches the ropes.

trainer

Person who supervises the boxer's training and is present during contests to coach the boxer on strategy.

second

Person who assists a boxer and ministers to him between rounds.

corner stool

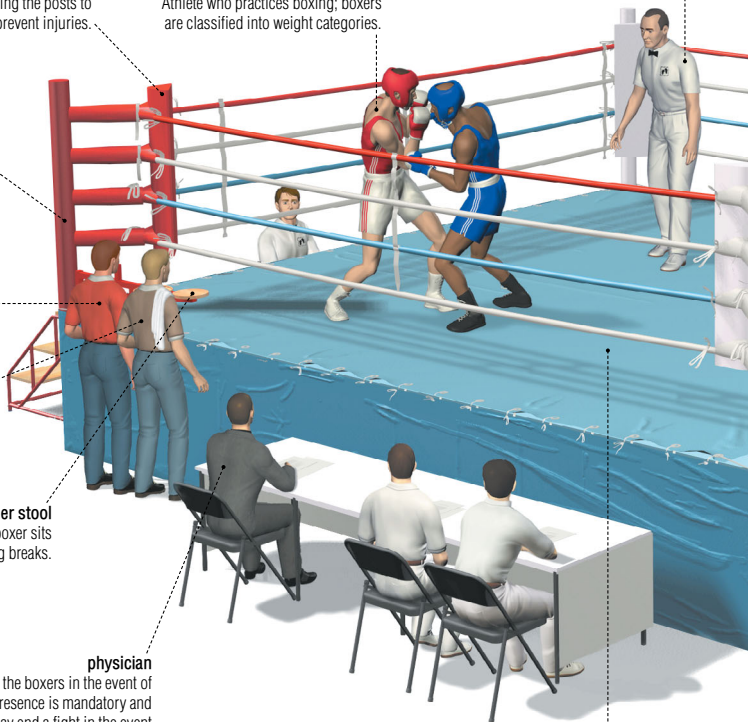
Corner seat on which the boxer sits during breaks.

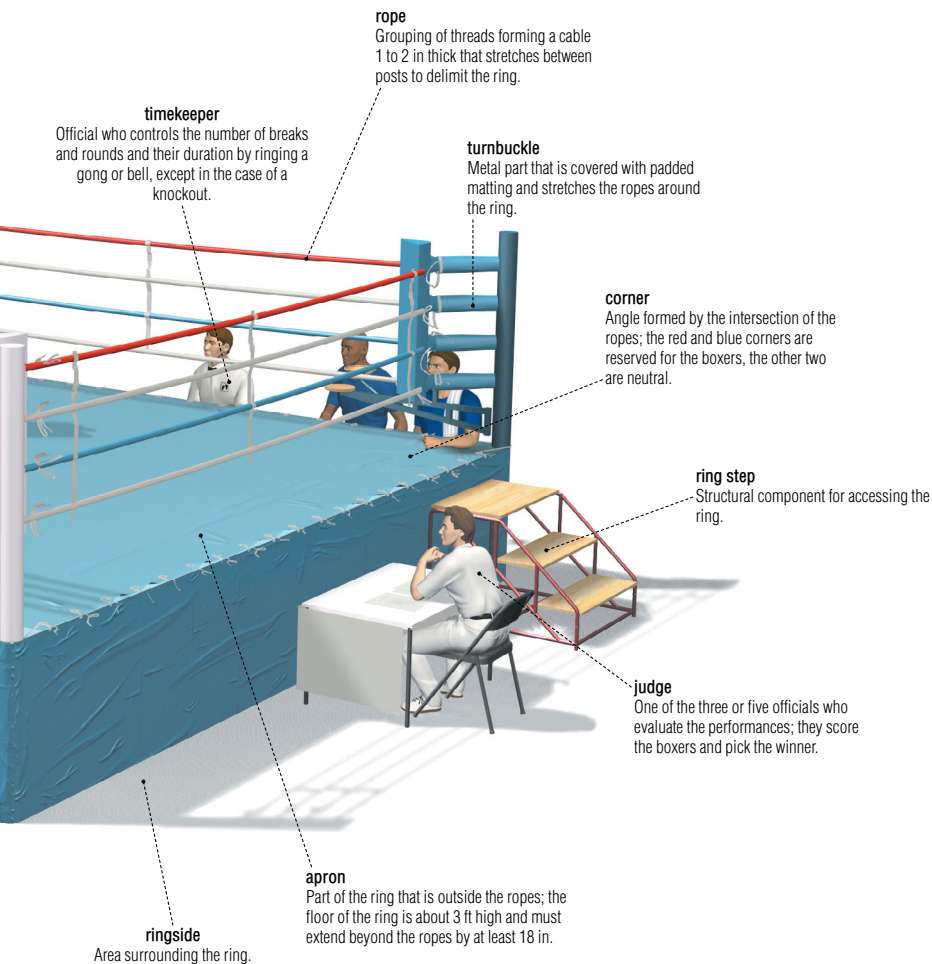
physician

Person who treats the boxers in the event of injury; a doctor's presence is mandatory and this individual may end a fight in the event of serious injury.

canvas

Covering for breaking falls that is made of flexible material and is about .5 in thick; a canvas is stretched on it.

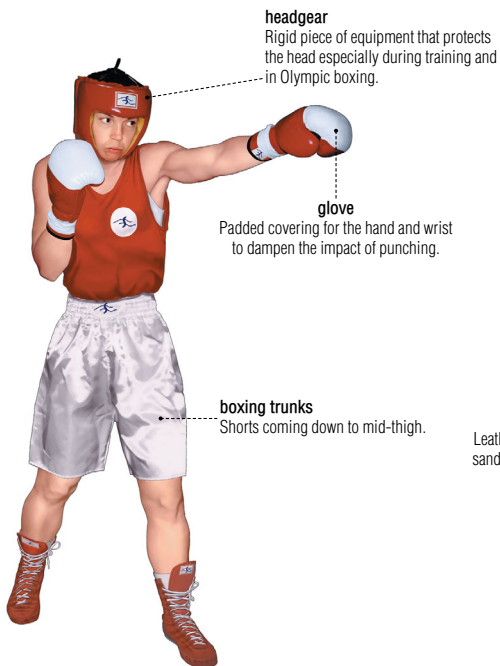




boxing

boxer

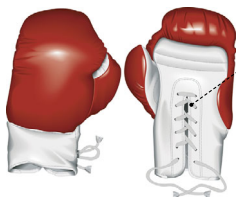
Athlete who practices boxing; boxers are classified into weight categories.

**punching bag**

Leather or canvas bag that is filled with sand and weighs about 65 lb; the boxer trains by hitting it powerfully.

**punching ball**

Inflated leather bag that the boxer hits when training; it helps develop speed and punching coordination.

**boxing gloves**

The gloves are provided by the organizers before the bout.

lace

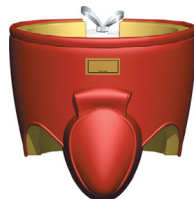
Narrow cord that passes through the glove's eyelets to tighten it around the hand and wrist.

**bandage**

Band of soft fabric (gauze) that is wrapped around the hand underneath the glove; it protects the hand against fractures and supports the wrist.

**mouthpiece**

Protective device for the boxer's teeth that is placed between the cheeks and teeth during a fight.

**protective cup**

Molded plastic equipment that protects an athlete's genitals.

Sport in which two opponents fight bare-handed and seek to pin each other to the floor using various holds.

wrestler

Athlete who practices wrestling; wrestlers are classified into weight categories.

singlet

Tight-fitting one-piece outfit; one of the wrestlers wears a red singlet and the other wears a blue one.

wrestling shoe

Flexible leather boot that covers the ankle; it has no heel and no metal parts.

referee

Official in charge of enforcing the rules who directs the fight on the mat and wears red and blue sleeves to indicate points.

mat chairperson

Official who coordinates the work of the referee and the judge; in the event of disagreement, he settles it. He may also interrupt the bout.

wrestling area

Mat with an area of 40 ft² for a wrestling match; a bout has two 3-minute periods with a break of 30 seconds.

judge

Official who assigns the points for the technical action as instructed by the referee or the mat chairperson and registers them on the scoreboard.

protection area

Area that is 5 ft wide and surrounds the passivity zone; it provides safety if the wrestler is thrown out of the wrestling area.

passivity zone

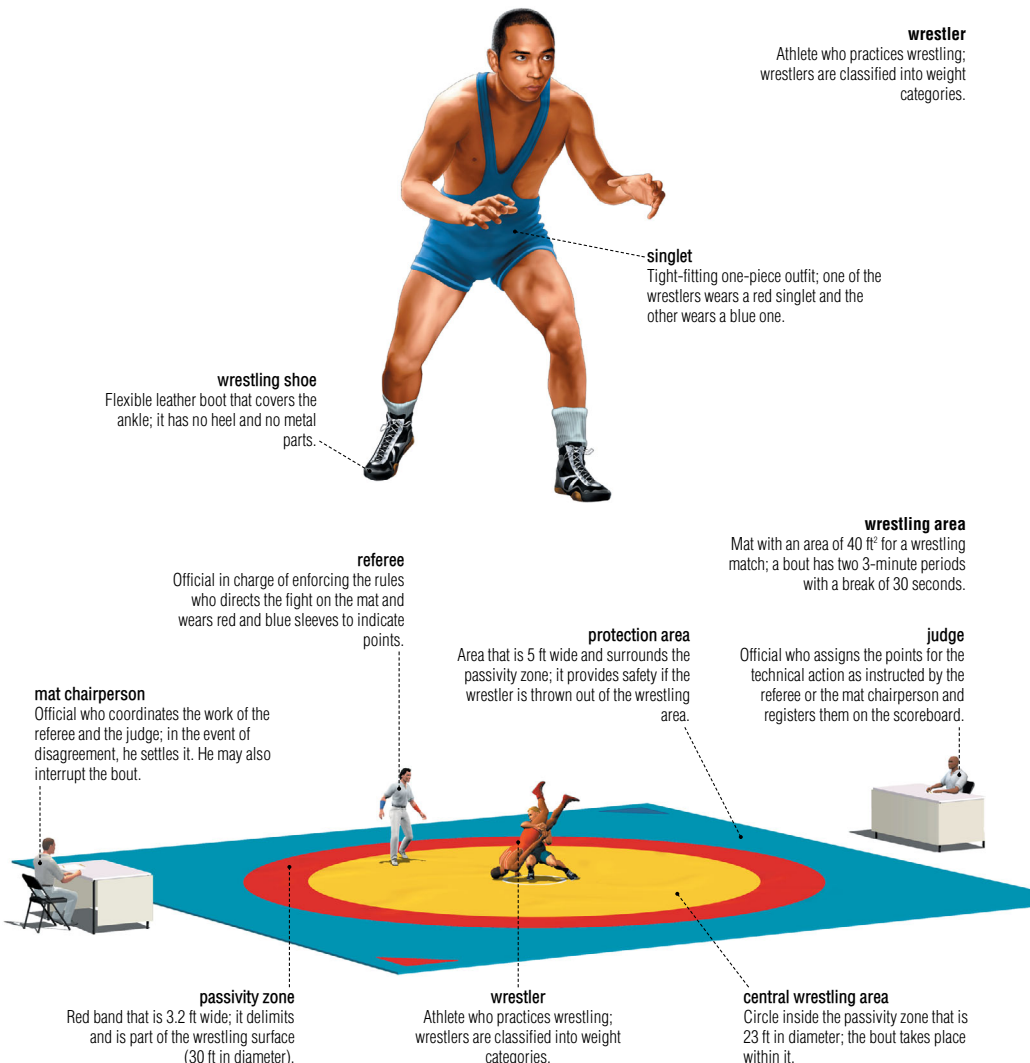
Red band that is 3.2 ft wide; it delimits and is part of the wrestling surface (30 ft in diameter).

wrestler

Athlete who practices wrestling; wrestlers are classified into weight categories.

central wrestling area

Circle inside the passivity zone that is 23 ft in diameter; the bout takes place within it.



judo

Sport of Japanese origin that is practiced with bare hands and consists of unbalancing the opponent with holds; Judo means “the gentle way”.

mat

Surface that measures 46 ft x 52 ft and is used for practicing judo; it is made up of smaller mat squares (tatamis).

medical team

Physicians tend to the judokas in the event of injury; their presence is mandatory and they may end a bout in the event of serious injury.

contestant

One of two athletes (here, judokas) who confront each other in a bout; contestants are classified into weight categories.

scorers and timekeepers

The scorers show the results on the scoreboards and the timekeepers monitor the time during the bout.

scoreboard

Board that displays various data about the contest taking place (such as points and penalties); there are two scoreboards, one manual and one electronic, in each contest area.

safety area

Surface that is 10 ft wide and surrounds the danger area; it provides safety if the contestant is thrown out of the contest area.

contest area

Area on which the bout takes place; it includes the danger area, measures 26 x 33 ft and has lines to indicate the positions of the judokas at the start and end of the bout.

referee

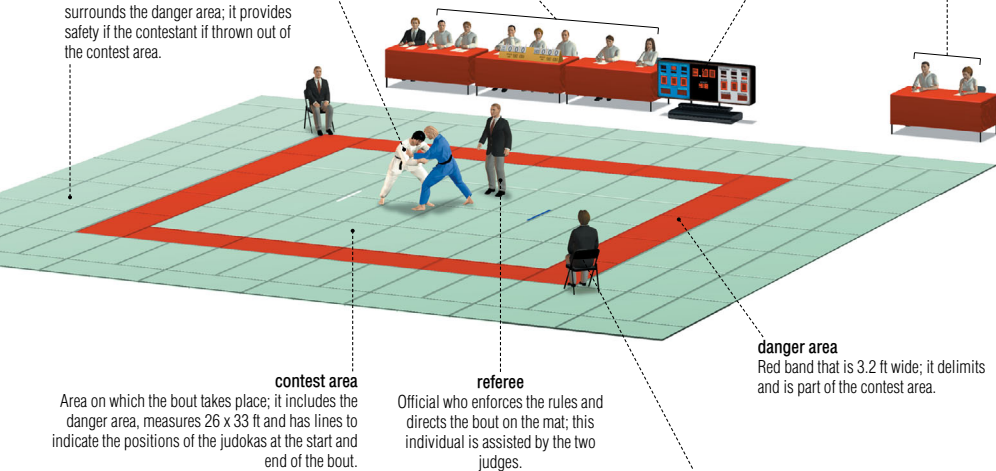
Official who enforces the rules and directs the bout on the mat; this individual is assisted by the two judges.

danger area

Red band that is 3.2 ft wide; it delimits and is part of the contest area.

judge

One of the two officials who assist the referee; they check especially that the holds are allowable and take place within the bounds of the contest area.



examples of holds and throws

There are more than 40 holds in judo: floor grips (strangles, locks, holdings) and standing throws (shoulders, arms, hips, legs).

**stomach throw**

The assailant pulls the opponent forward and puts a foot on his stomach, causing the opponent to be thrown over the assailant's shoulder.

**sweeping hip throw**

The assailant pushes the opponent's leg, causing the opponent's torso to rotate and flip over the assailant's hip.

**holding**

The assailant uses pressure on the shoulders to pin the opponent to the floor.

**major outer reaping throw**

Using the right leg, the assailant sweeps up the opponent's left leg from behind, causing the opponent to fall backward.

**naked strangle**

From behind, the assailant's arm puts pressure on the opponent's neck, constricting breathing or cutting off the flow of blood and oxygen to the brain.

**major inner reaping throw**

Using the right leg, the assailant sweeps up the opponent's right leg from the front, causing the opponent to fall backward.

**arm lock**

To force submission, the assailant exerts pressure on the opponent's elbow joint against its natural bending direction.

**one-arm shoulder throw**

Placing the forearms under the opponent's armpits, the assailant lifts the opponent over his back, propelling the opponent forward.

karate

Self-defense sport of Japanese origin that is practiced with bare hands; the blows, which are usually given with the hands and the feet, must stop before reaching the opponent's body.

karateka

Athlete who practices karate; some, but not all, organizations classify karatekas by weight.

karate-gi
Clothing worn when practicing karate; it includes a jacket and pants that are usually made of cotton.

obi
Long wide belt that is tied around the waist to close the jacket; its color indicates the contestant's level.

competition area

Surface for practicing karate; bouts last a maximum of three minutes.

referee

Official who enforces the rules, directs the bout on the mat, awards the points and gives out warnings and penalties.

arbitration committee

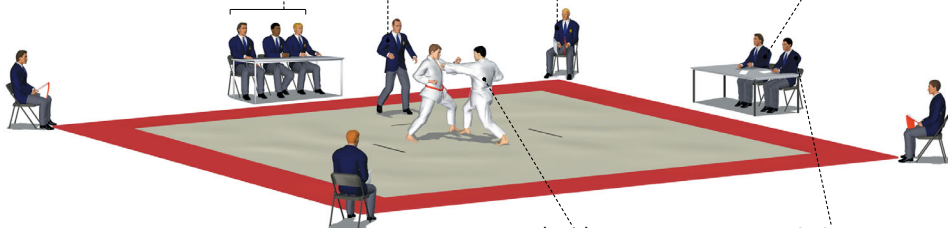
Group of upper-level officials who especially supervise the bout as it unfolds and check that the referee and the judges perform their duties correctly.

corner judge

One of the four officials who assist the referee, give their opinions especially about the referee's decisions and judge the actions of the karatekas.

scorekeeper

Official who tracks the karatekas' points and penalties.



karateka

Athlete who practices karate; some, but not all, organizations classify karatekas by weight.

timekeeper
Official who monitors the duration of the bout.

Defensive sport of Japanese origin that consists of neutralizing an armed or unarmed opponent by means of dodging, throwing and holding, using bare hands.

jo

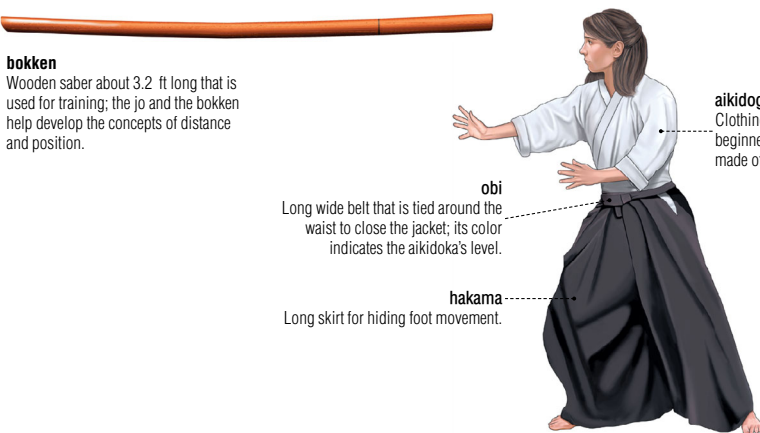
Wooden stick about 4.2 ft long; it is used mainly for training.

**bokken**

Wooden saber about 3.2 ft long that is used for training; the jo and the bokken help develop the concepts of distance and position.

aikidoka

Athlete who practices aikido; it requires good coordination, well-developed reflexes, suppleness and keen concentration.

**aikidogi**

Clothing worn for practicing aikido; for beginners, it consists of a white jacket made of sturdy cloth and white pants.

obi

Long wide belt that is tied around the waist to close the jacket; its color indicates the aikidoka's level.

hakama

Long skirt for hiding foot movement.

kung fu

One of several types of sport of Chinese origin practiced with or without weapons; it is similar to karate but requires more legwork.

kung fu practitioner

Athlete who practices kung fu; contestants must be quick, precise and supple, and possess keen concentration.

**traditional jacket**

Closed by buttons and with a stand-up collar, it is most often black, but may also be red, yellow or white, which are the traditional colors in China.

sash

Belt whose color usually indicates the contestant's level; the colors vary from one style to another and according to the school and level.

fencing

Sport with two opponents who attempt to touch each other with weapons (épée, foil or saber) on a specific part of the body.

fencing weapons

In the Olympic Games, the foil, the épée and the saber are used by both men and women.

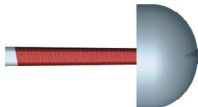
foil

Lightweight thrusting weapon (maximum weight of 1.1 lb) with a flexible blade whose cross section is square or rectangular.



épée

Thrusting weapon with a tapered blade whose cross section is a triangle; it is more rigid and heavier than a foil, weighing up to 1.7 lb.



saber

Thrusting, cutting and slicing weapon whose blade is usually curved and sharp on one side only; its maximum weight is 1.1 lb, the same as that of the foil.



parts of the weapon

Weapons can be thrusting (touch made with the tip of the blade), cutting (with the blade) or slicing (with the back edge).

mounting

Part of the weapon to which the blade is attached.

pommel

Metal knob at the end of the handle to balance the weapon.

handle

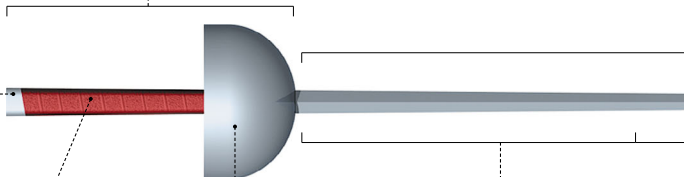
Wood, metal or plastic part for holding and wielding the weapon.

guard

Metal rounded part that protects the armed hand during a match.

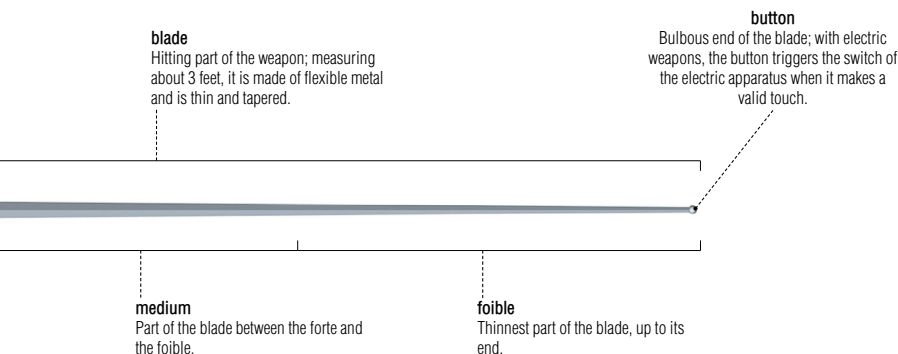
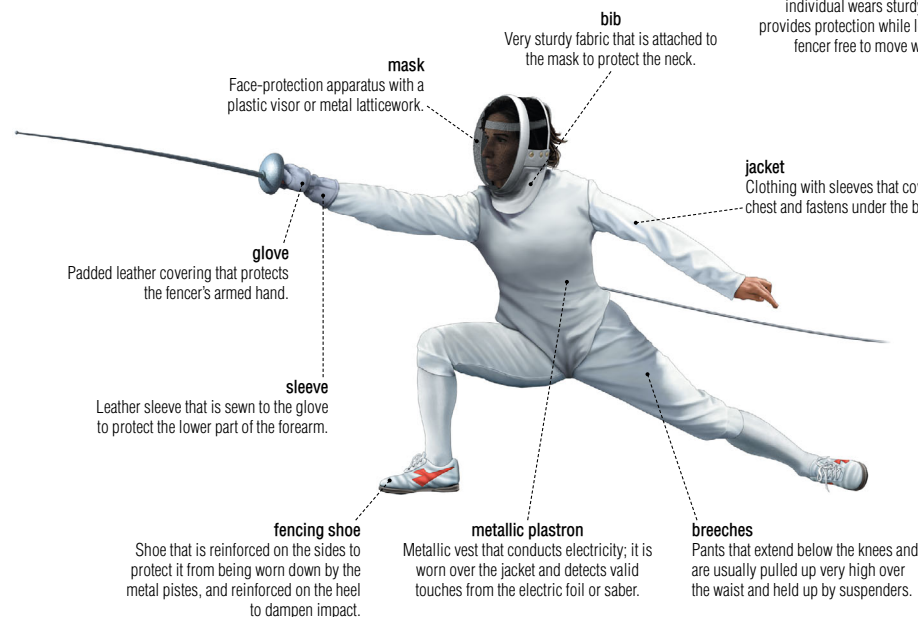
forte

Thickest part of the blade, near the guard.



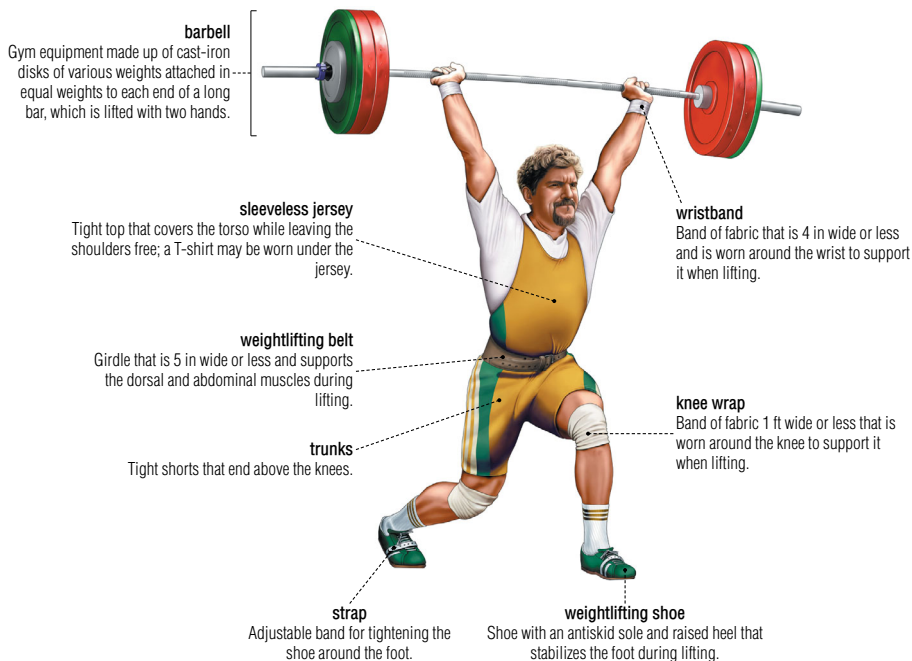
fencer

Athlete who practices fencing; this individual wears sturdy gear that provides protection while leaving the fencer free to move with agility.



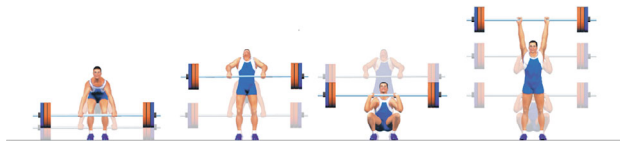
weightlifting

Sport that consists of lifting the heaviest load possible (barbell) over the head using two types of lifts (clean and jerk; snatch).



clean and jerk

Type of lift that is executed in two stages; the bar is first raised to shoulder level (clean) and then quickly raised over the head (jerk), using the leg muscles.



snatch

Type of lift that is more difficult than the clean and jerk; it consists of raising the load over the head as high as possible in a continuous quick movement.



Material and apparatuses for carrying out exercises aimed at maintaining the physique and increasing muscular strength, flexibility and endurance.

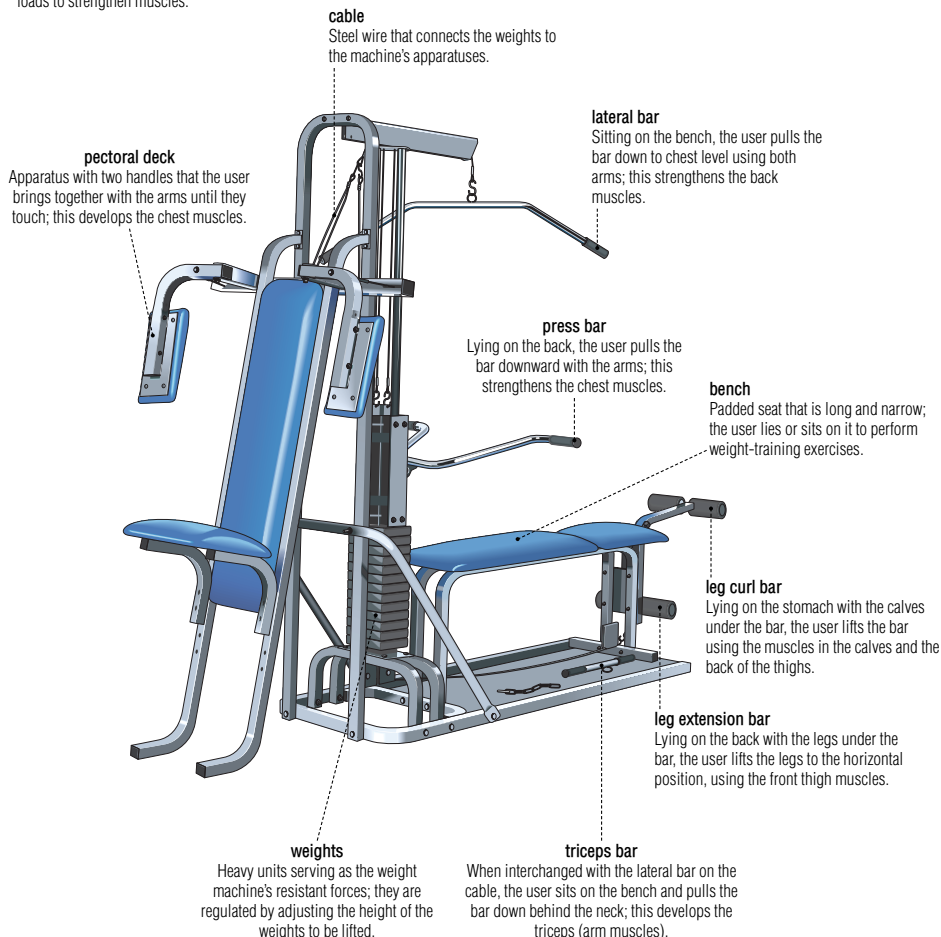
stationary bicycle

Bicycle attached to a base for training in a room or apartment; it is used mainly to work the leg muscles and to develop endurance.



weight machine

Apparatus for carrying out various exercises that consist of lifting or pushing loads to strengthen muscles.



ankle/wrist weight

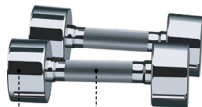
Wide flexible band of preset mass that is worn around the wrist or ankle to increase resistance during exercise.



Round metal mass of various weights and sizes that is attached to each end of the bar.

weight**dumbbell**

Gym equipment that consists of two equal weights attached to each end of a short bar, which is lifted with one hand to develop mainly the arm muscles.

**bar**

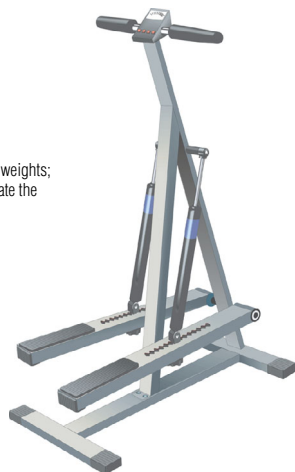
Metal shaft that connects two weights; the athlete grips it to manipulate the weights.

jump rope

Cord with handles that is repeatedly swung over the head then jumped over; the athlete jumps once per cycle to strengthen mainly the leg and buttock muscles.

**stair climber**

Apparatus that simulates the movement of climbing stairs; it is designed mainly to develop cardiorespiratory capacity and strengthen the leg muscles.

**oar**

Lever connected to the hydraulic resistance; it operates the rowing machine.

sliding seat

Part on which the user sits; it slides back and forth on rails to increase the amplitude and efficiency of the oars.

rowing machine

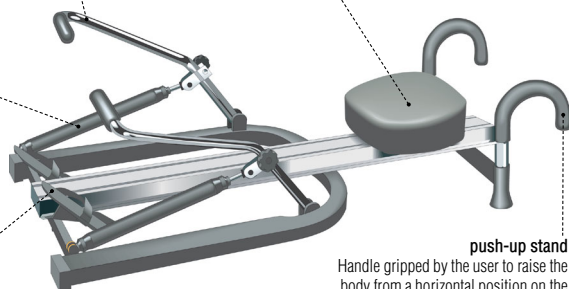
Apparatus that simulates the movement of rowing; it is designed mainly to develop cardiorespiratory capacity and strengthen a number of muscles in the body.

hydraulic resistance

Device with a hydraulic pump (silent system simulating water resistance); it constitutes the force exerted against the oars.

foot support

Part with a strap for the foot.

**push-up stand**

Handle gripped by the user to raise the body from a horizontal position on the floor (push-ups).

show-jumping

Competition during which a horse and its rider clear a series of different obstacles on a set course as quickly as possible.

competition ring

Closed terrain marked with 12 to 15 obstacles that the horse and rider must clear in a set order while committing the fewest faults possible.

obstacle steward

Person in charge of righting the upset obstacles.

post and plank

Obstacle composed of wide movable boards (planks) that are laid one on top of another; planks are less stable than bars.

combination

Set of two or more obstacles that are grouped together and count as a single obstacle; each of its obstacles must be cleared separately.

wall

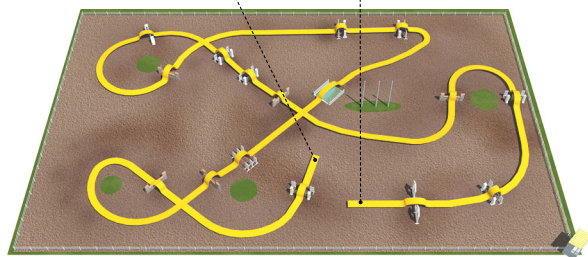
Obstacle composed of a set of usually wooden, stacking blocks; the top of the wall is rounded to prevent the horses from being hurt.

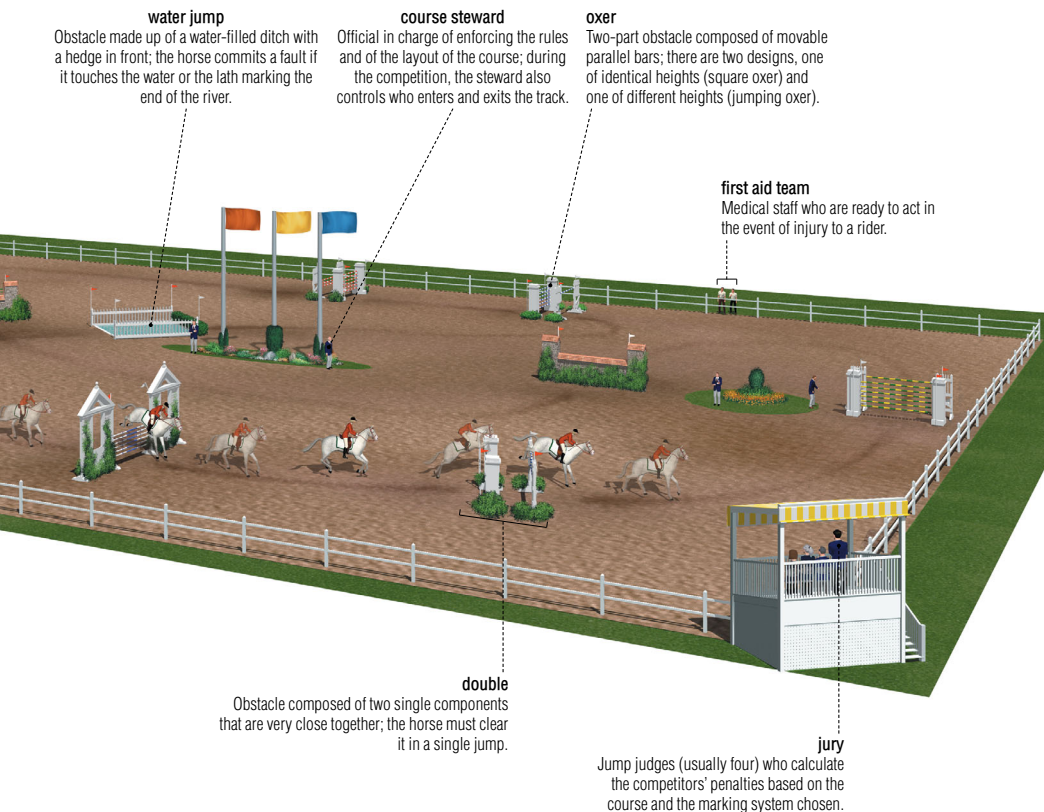
veterinarians

Doctors who treat animals; they examine the horses before the competition and may intervene in the event of injury.

finish

start

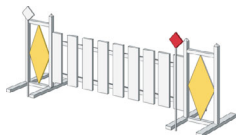




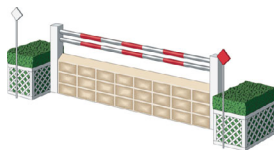
show-jumping

obstacles

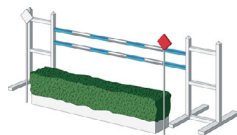
Elements that the horse and rider must clear during a competition; a penalty is given when the animal upsets one of the movable components of an obstacle.

**gate**

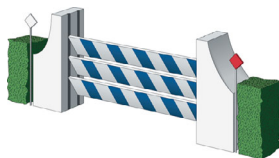
Obstacle shaped like a simple fence and made up of fixed boards laid side by side.

**wall and rails**

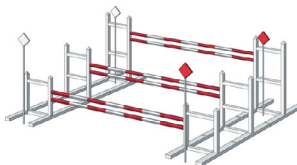
Obstacle made up of a wall with one or two movable bars on top.

**brush and rails**

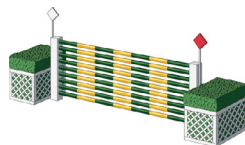
Obstacle composed of a vertical component with a hedge in front.

**post and plank**

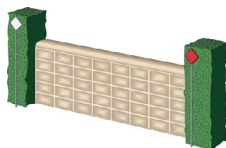
Obstacle composed of wide movable boards (planks) that are laid one on top of another; planks are less stable than bars.

**triple bars**

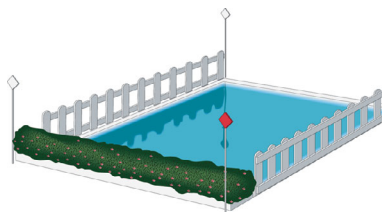
Three-part obstacle composed of movable parallel bars; each successive obstacle increases in height.

**post and rail**

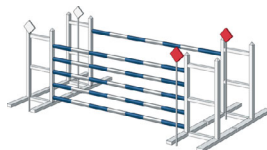
Obstacle composed of a set of movable bars that are laid one on top of another.

**wall**

Obstacle composed of a set of usually wooden, stacking blocks; the top of the wall is rounded to prevent the horses from being hurt.

**water jump**

Obstacle made up of a water-filled ditch with a hedge in front; the horse commits a fault if it touches the water or the lath marking the end of the river.

**oxer**

Two-part obstacle composed of movable parallel bars; there are two designs, one of identical heights (square oxer) and one of different heights (jumping oxer).

Sport or recreation that consists of riding a horse; specialized equipment is necessary for steering and controlling the horse.

bridle

Head harness that enables the rider to steer a horse by using two bits in the horse's mouth, which are connected to the reins.

cheek strap

Strap that runs along the horse's cheek and connects the crownpiece to the curb bit; it keeps the bit in the desired place in the horse's mouth.

crownpiece

Strap that runs over the horse's head behind the ears; it keeps the snaffle and cheek straps in place.

browband

Strap that runs around the front of the horse's head; it prevents the bridle from sliding backward.

snaffle strap

Strap that runs along the horse's cheek and connects the crownpiece to the snaffle bit; it keeps the bit in the desired place in the horse's mouth.

throat latch

Strap that runs under the horse's throat to prevent the bridle from sliding forward; it must be loose enough to allow the horse to breathe freely.

noseband

Part of the bridle that runs around the head above the nostrils; it prevents the horse from opening its mouth and losing the bit.

curb bit

Bit composed of a mouth and two side bars; it lowers the horse's nose and is used in conjunction with a snaffle bit.

curb chain

Metal chain that hangs from the cheek rings and passes under the horse's jaw to secure the bit.

snaffle rein

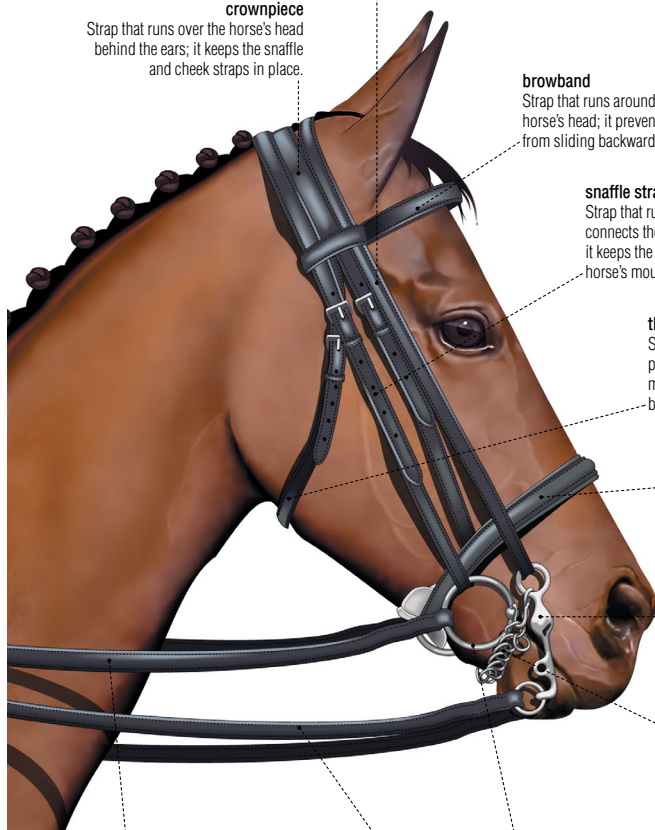
Strap that the rider holds to control the snaffle bit and thus steer the horse.

curb rein

Strap that the rider holds to control the curb bit and thus steer the horse.

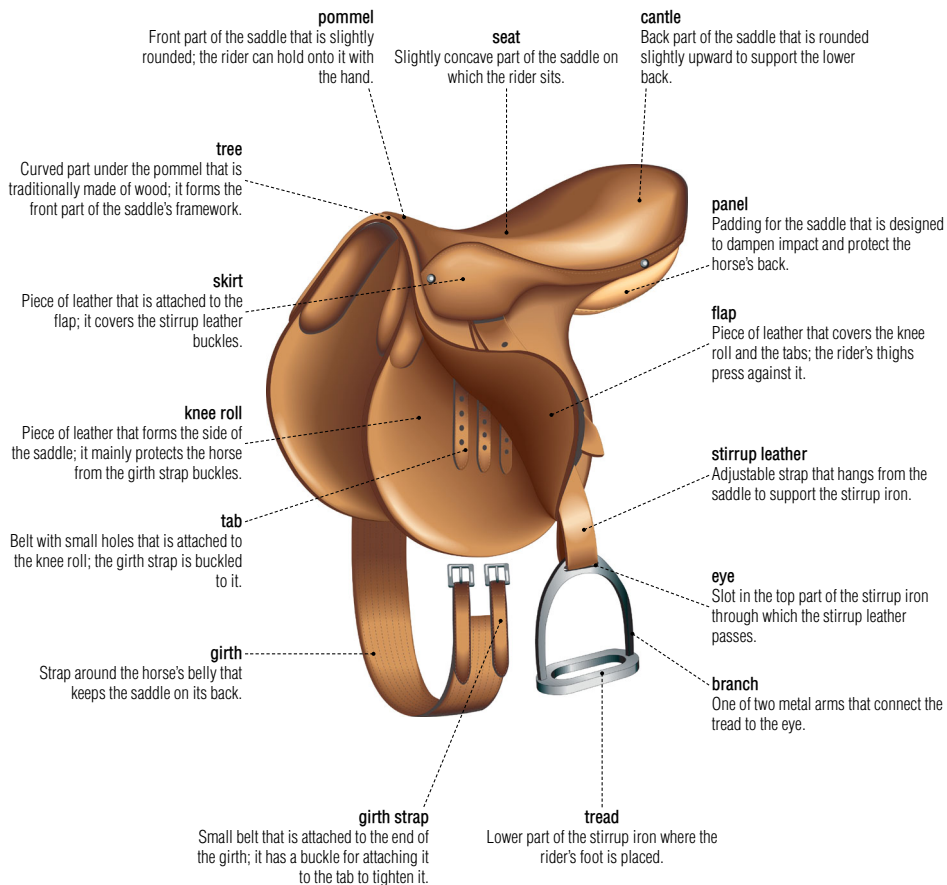
snaffle bit

Bit composed of a mouth and two side rings; it lifts the horse's head and is used only in combination with a curb bit.

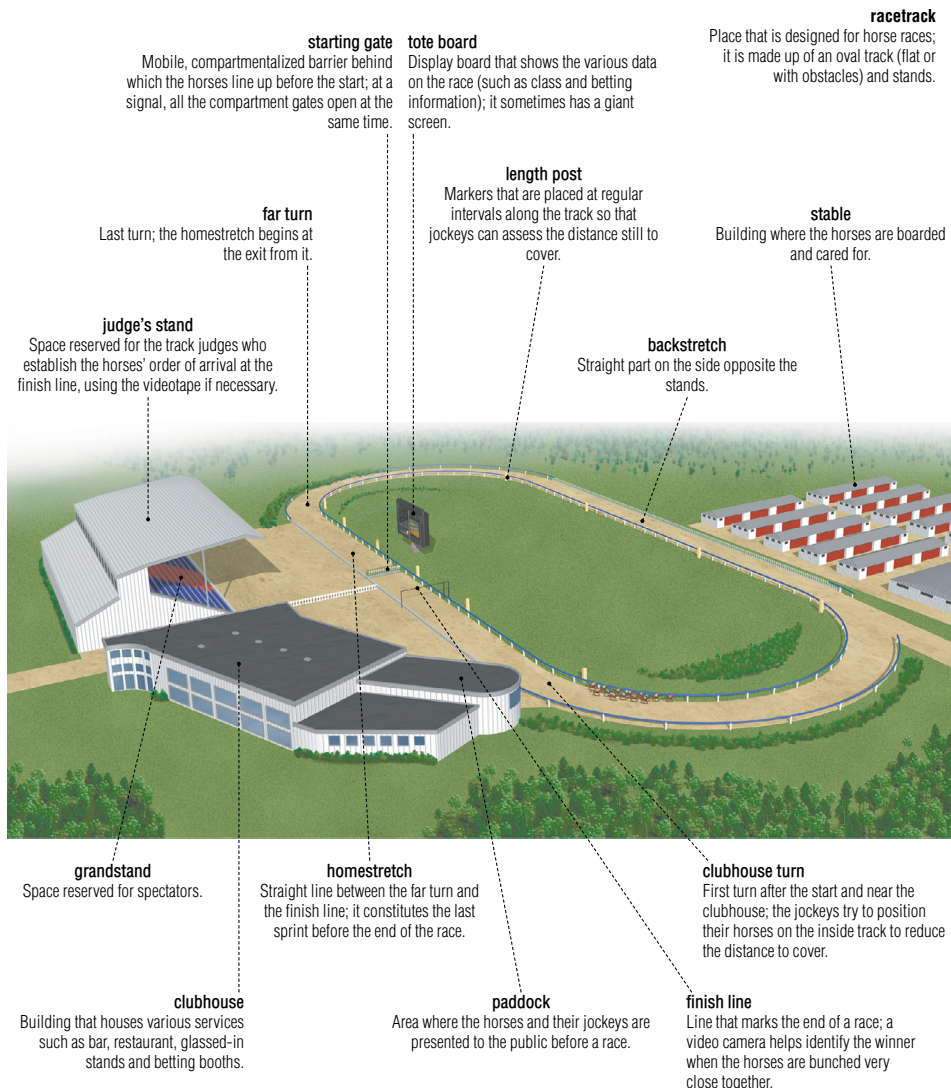


saddle

Somewhat curved unit that is made mostly of leather; it is set on the horse's back for the rider to sit on.



Speed race on a track where jockeys ride horses, usually at a gallop.



horse racing: turf

jockey

Person who rides a racehorse; a jockey rides with very short stirrups and the body hunched over the horse's neck.

saddle

Slightly curved part that is usually made of leather; it is laid on the horse's back for the jockey to sit on.

saddlecloth

Padded piece of cloth underneath the saddle that protects the horse's back from chafing and protects the saddle from the horse's sweat.

riding cap

Hard piece of equipment designed to protect the head.

shadow roll

Part that blocks the horse's view of the ground; this prevents the horse from mistaking shadows for obstacles to jump over.

rein

Strap that the jockey holds to control the bit to steer the horse.

riding crop

Thin flexible stick that the rider uses to spur on the horse.

girth

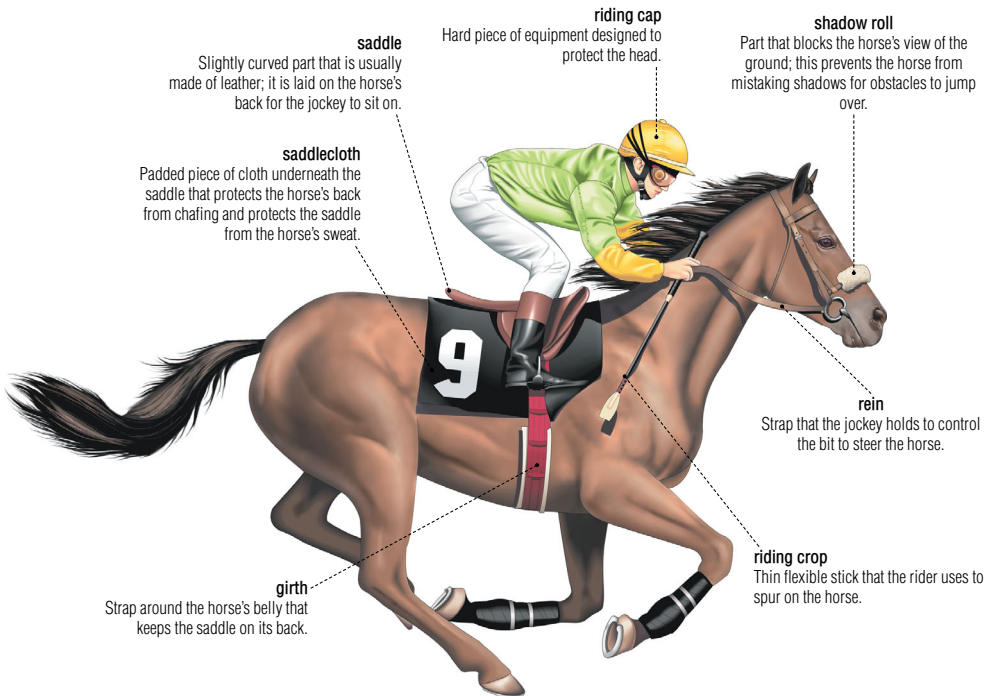
Strap around the horse's belly that keeps the saddle on its back.

mobile starting gate

Vehicle with two folding wings; it is used to start the race by getting the horses running.

folding wing

Part of the starting gate that folds forward as the vehicle leaves the starting line to let the horses by.

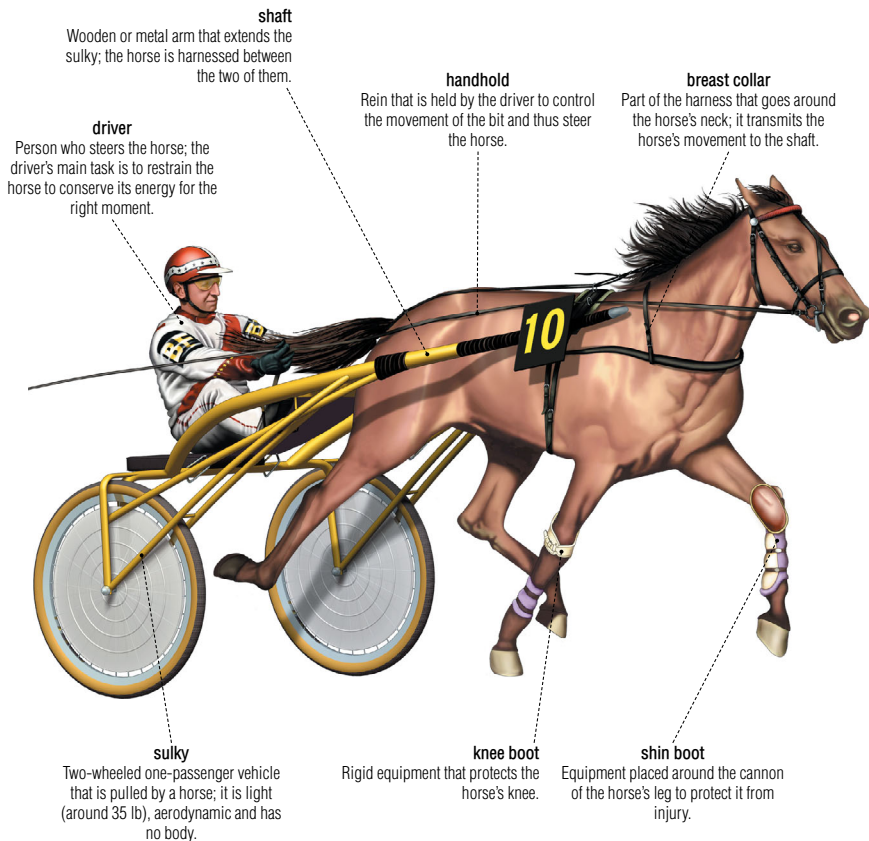


horse racing: harness racing

Speed race on a track for trotters or standardbred pacers harnessed to sulkies.

trotter

A horse that moves at a trot, that is, alternately lifting diagonal pairs of feet off the ground; the trot is slower than the pace.

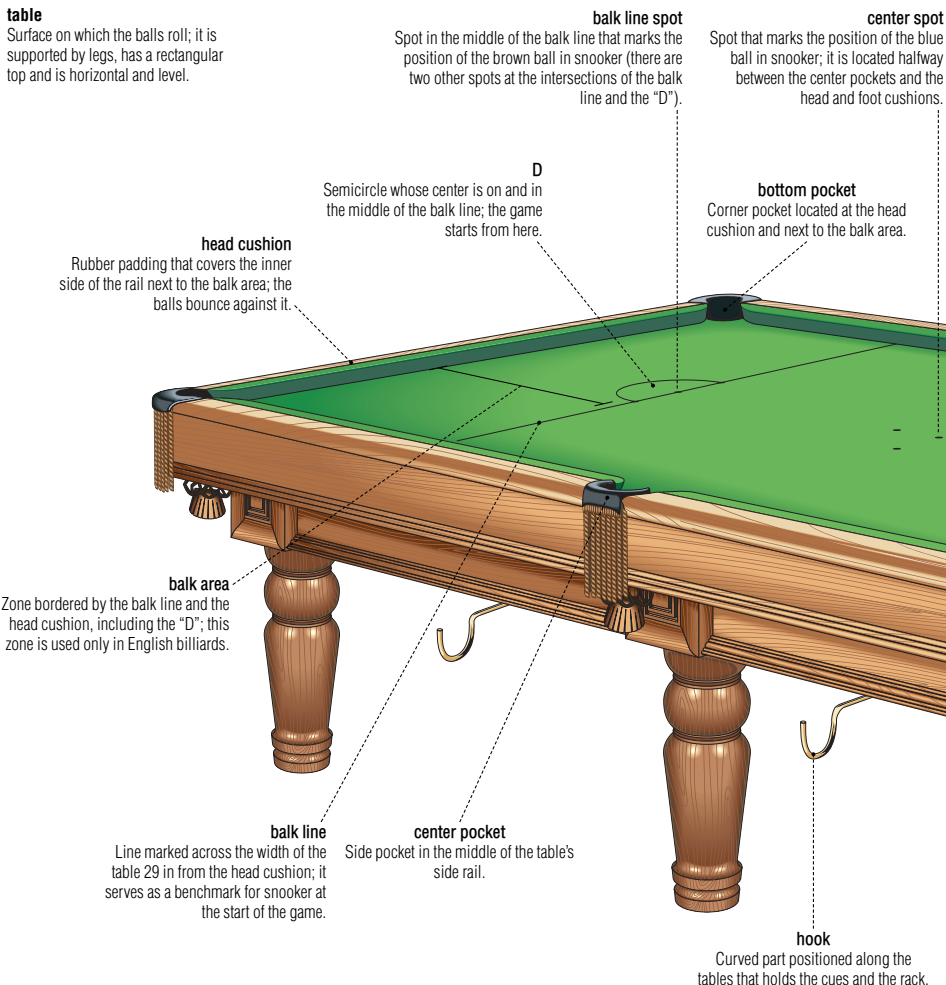


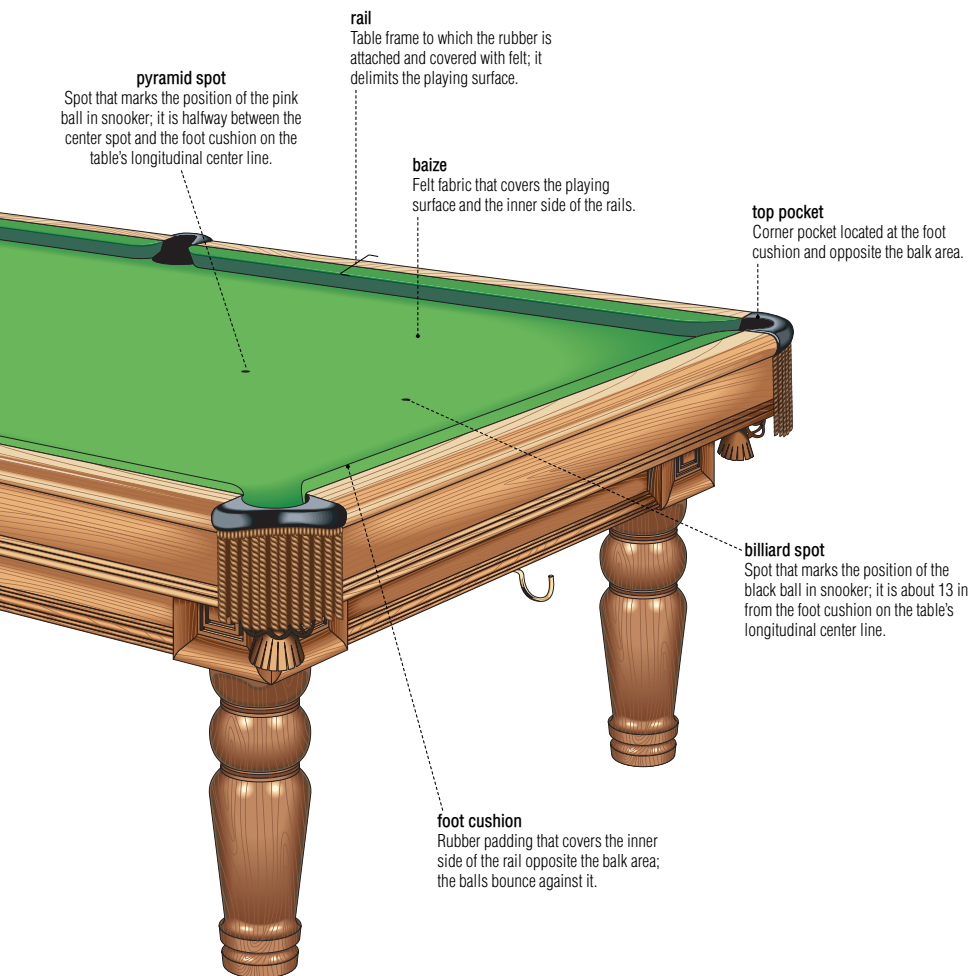
billiards

Games that are played on a special table; they use a cue to hit a cue ball either against two balls or to drive another into a pocket.

table

Surface on which the balls roll; it is supported by legs, has a rectangular top and is horizontal and level.

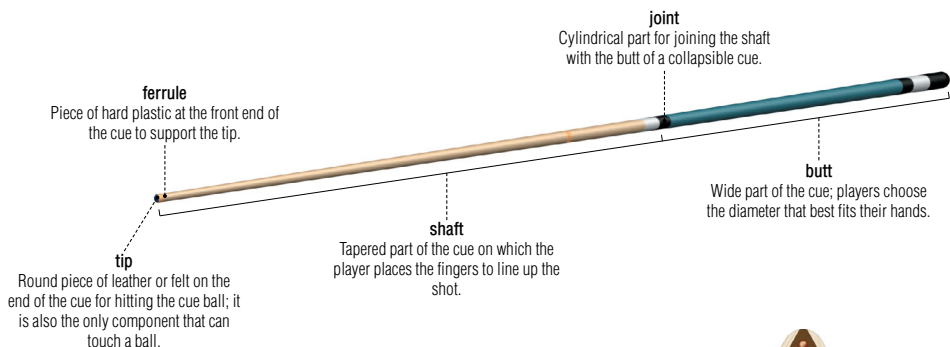




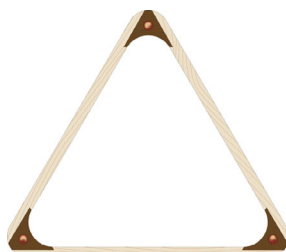
billiards

billiard cue

Long wooden stick that the player holds to hit the cue ball; the player chooses the cue's diameter, length and weight (no more than 25 oz).

**chalk**

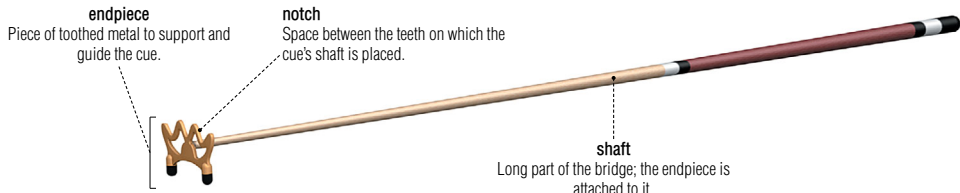
Small cube of chalky powder that is rubbed onto the tip of the cue to improve contact with the cue ball.

**rack**

Triangular piece of wood or plastic for lining up the balls on the table at the start of a game.

bridge

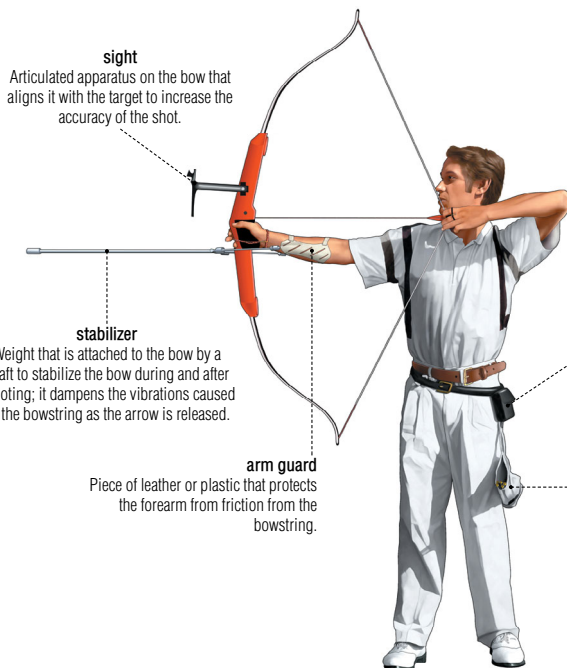
Stick with a toothed head for shooting with the cue when the cue ball is out of the player's reach.



Sport that consists of using a bow to shoot an arrow as close as possible to the middle of a target set a fixed distance away.

archer

Person who practices archery.

**sight**

Articulated apparatus on the bow that aligns it with the target to increase the accuracy of the shot.

stabilizer

Weight that is attached to the bow by a shaft to stabilize the bow during and after shooting; it dampens the vibrations caused by the bowstring as the arrow is released.

arm guard

Piece of leather or plastic that protects the forearm from friction from the bowstring.

accessory pouch**quiver**

Case that is carried on the back or the hip; the arrows are stored in it during the shoot.

target

Surface of varying diameter at which the archer shoots; it is divided into concentric circles corresponding to point zones.

**bull's-eye**

Circle 4.8 in in diameter in the middle of the target; it is 4.3 ft from the ground and worth 10 points. The value of the other circles decreases toward the edge of the target.

bowstring
Fibers secured to a bow that were stretched to fire an arrow.

**compound bow**

Bow that uses a system of cables and wheels to increase its shooting power; it requires less effort on the part of the archer when aiming.

petanque

Ball sport that originated in the south of France in which two opposing players or teams throw balls (bowls) as close as possible to a target (jack).



jack

Small ball whose diameter is between 1 and 1.35 in; it serves as the petanque target and the point of reference for scoring.



petanque bowl

Metal spherical ball that weighs between 1.4 and 1.7 lb and whose diameter is between 2.75 and 3.15 in.

playing field

Area laid out for playing petanque; matches can be played on a lawn, earth or sand. For international competitions, the field measures 13 ft x 49 ft.

referee

Official who is in charge of enforcing the rules; the referee ensures that the equipment and installation are in compliance.

scorer

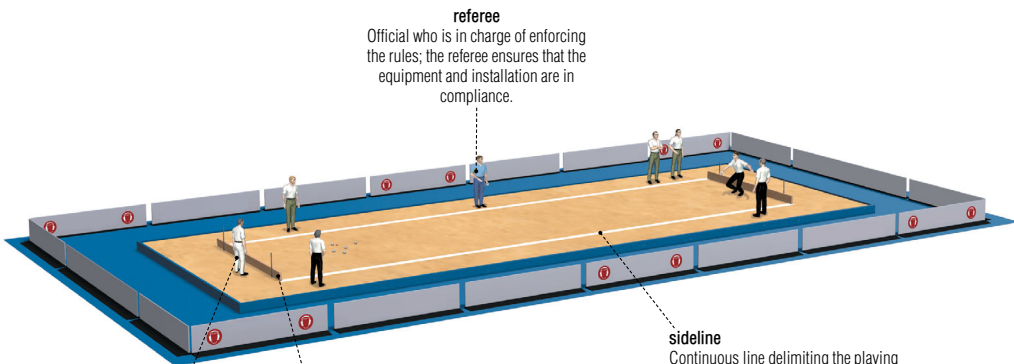
Official who registers the results of each player or team onto a scorecard.

stopping board

Wooden board that is the rear limit of the playing field.

sideline

Continuous line delimiting the playing field along its length; balls are out of bounds if they cross the sidelines.



Game of U.S. origin that consists of rolling a ball down a lane to knock down pins standing at the end.



American duckpin

One of 10 pins that is lightweight and 9.4 in high; the game is played almost exclusively in the United States.



Canadian duckpin

Similar to American duckpin, it has a rubber band around it to make it heavier; this 10-pin game is very widespread in Canada.



fivepin

Lightweight pin that is about 12 in high and has a rubber band around it; this five-pin game is very popular in Canada.



tenpin

Pin that weighs 3.5 to 3.7 lb and measures 15 in high; this is the most widespread type of bowling in the world.



candlepin

Cylindrical pin that is about 16 in high; this game with 10 pins is played in some provinces of Canada and states of the United States.

shoe

For a right-handed person, the left sole is made of leather (for sliding) and the right sole of rubber (for stopping).



bowling ball

Large ball with three holes for the fingers (thumb, middle and ring fingers) that the player rolls to hit the pins.



bowling

bowling alley

Set of lanes that are made of wood or synthetic material and are laid out for bowling.

bowler

Player who practices bowling; the first world championships for women took place in 1963.

setup

Set of 10 pins arranged in an equilateral triangle at the end of each lane of the alley.

pit

Area at the end of the lane; the hit pins fall into it.

ball

Spherical object that is rolled using the hand to knock down the pins; there are two types: light and heavy. The heavy ball has three holes for gripping with the fingers.

bowler

Player who practices bowling; the first world championships for men took place in 1954.

**ball return**

Mechanical device (track) between the lanes that returns the balls the players threw toward the setup.

ball stand

Area where the bowls rack up after leaving the ball return.

gutter

Ditch on both sides of the alley's lanes; a ball that falls into it is out of play.

score console

Panel that displays the data of the game in progress (such as points for each frame for each player, total for previous games and the results for each team).

foul line

Line behind which the player must stay when rolling the ball down the lane at delivery; crossing this line is a foul.

approach

Lane on which the player makes the forward swing (usually three normal steps and one sliding) before rolling the ball.

Sport whose objective is to complete a set course by hitting a ball with a club; the player who uses the least number of strokes is the winner.

course

Area set up in a natural environment for playing golf, usually with 18 holes.

fairway

Mown part of the course between the teeing ground for the hole and its green.

green

Grass surface mown very short surrounding each of the course's holes; the golfer uses a putter to roll the ball into the hole.

cart path

Lane for golf carts to follow along the course.

practice green

Lawn similar to the green where golfers practice putting.

hole

Grass-covered fairway that is surrounded by plant growth; the golfer covers its distance by hitting a ball, despite the obstacles.

clubhouse

Structure located usually near the first and last holes that provides various services to golfers (such as a bar, restaurant and lockers).

parking

Area for cars to park.

sand bunker

Section of the fairway of varying size that is filled with sand; if the ball becomes stuck here, the player uses a sand wedge to hit it out.

rough

Part of the course on the edge of the fairways where the grass grows freely.

teeing ground

Grassy surface mown very short from which the player tees off; teeing grounds are arranged at various distances from the hole as a function of the players' skill.

water hazard

Natural or man-made body of water (such as a lake, pond, river or reservoir) that constitutes an obstacle for the golfer.

trees

Wooded part of the golf course.

pond

Small shallow body of water that can be natural or man-made.



par 5 hole

The player tries to reach the green in three strokes and then make two putts to sink the ball in the hole; an eagle is a hole made in two strokes under par.

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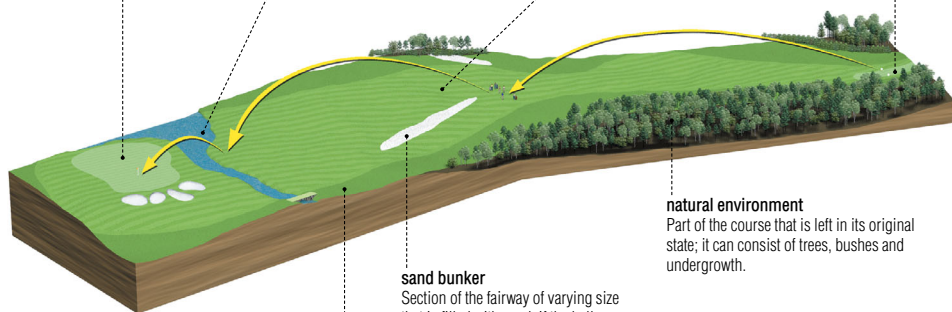
Grass surface mown very short surrounding each of the course's holes; the golfer uses a putter to roll the ball into the hole.

water hazard

If the golfer hits a ball into this obstacle, it must be played where it is; if it is unplayable, a new ball is put into play and counted as a penalty stroke.

fairway

Mown part of the course between the teeing ground for the hole and its green.

**natural environment**

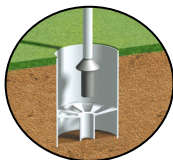
Part of the course that is left in its original state; it can consist of trees, bushes and undergrowth.

sand bunker

Section of the fairway of varying size that is filled with sand; if the ball becomes stuck here, the player uses a sand wedge to hit it out.

rough

Part of the course on the edge of the fairways where the grass grows freely.

**hole**

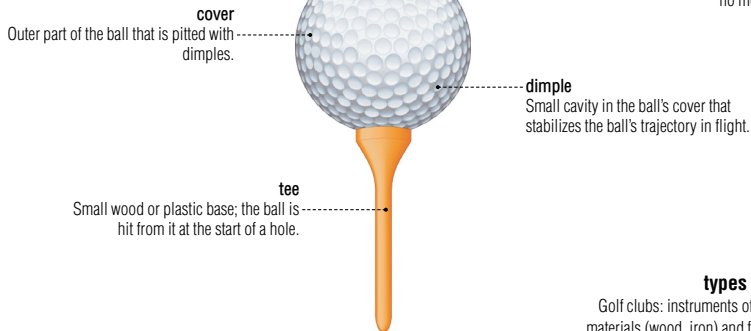
Cavity dug out of the green; the player must roll the ball into it to complete a hole.

**removable flag pole**

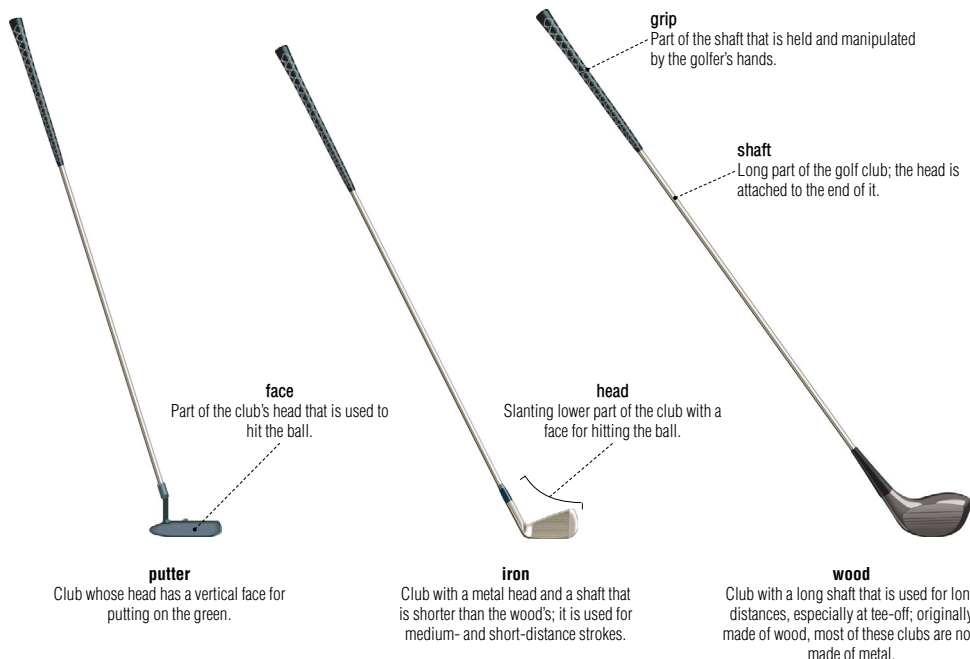
Long rod with a flag that is planted in a hole to mark the hole's location so that it can be seen from far away.

golf ball

Small ball used for playing golf that is about 1.68 in in diameter and weighs no more than 1.62 oz.

**types of golf clubs**

Golf clubs: instruments of various shapes, materials (wood, iron) and functions that are used to hit the ball along the course.



golf bag

Sack for transporting golf clubs and accessories; a player can use no more than 14 different clubs during a competition.



shoulder strap

Large belt that distributes the weight of the golf bag on the shoulder.

pocket

Small exterior storage compartment that contains various accessories (such as balls, gloves and tees).



head cover

Part that covers and protects the head of a golf club while it is not being used.



golf shoes

Leather shoes with cleats attached to the soles.



golf glove

Item that covers the hand to provide a better grip on the club; it is worn on one hand only (on the left hand for a right-handed person).

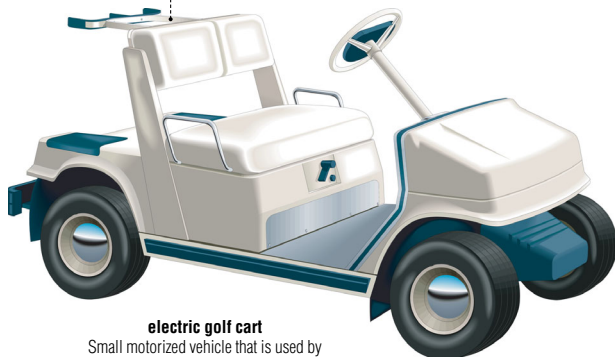


golf cart

Two-wheeled rack that is pulled by a handle to transport the golf bag along the course.

bag well

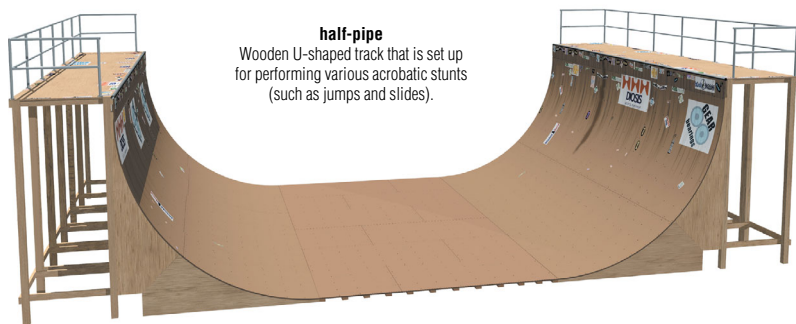
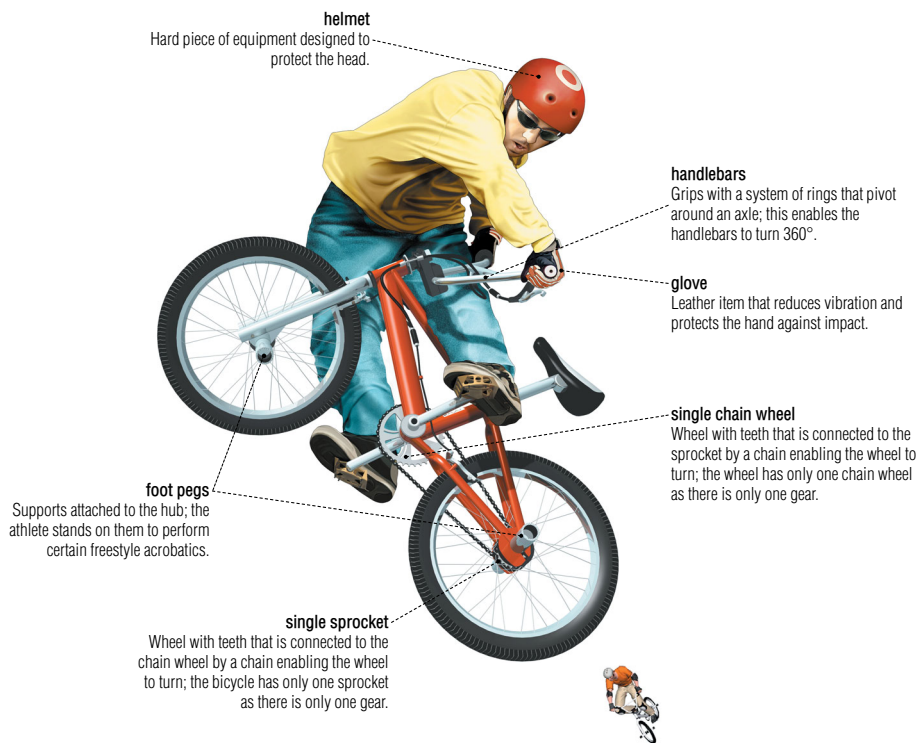
Rack at the back of the golf cart in which golfers carry their equipment over the golf course.



electric golf cart

Small motorized vehicle that is used by golfers to move from one hole to another along the golf course.

Sport that consists of performing freestyle acrobatics using a small, one-speed bicycle.

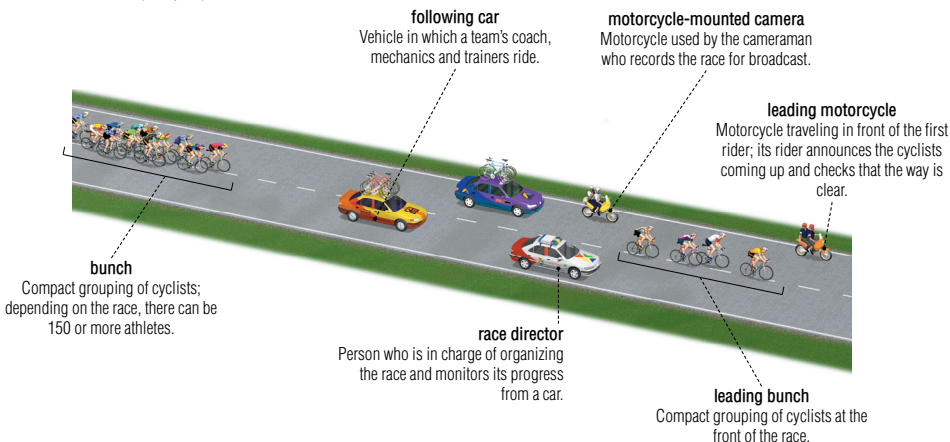


road racing

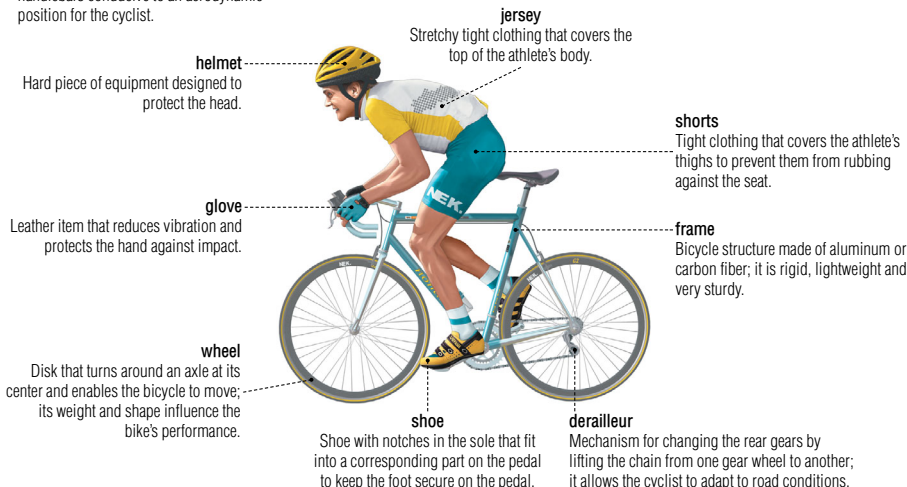
Sport that consists of racing a bicycle on a road for one day or in stages.

road cycling competition

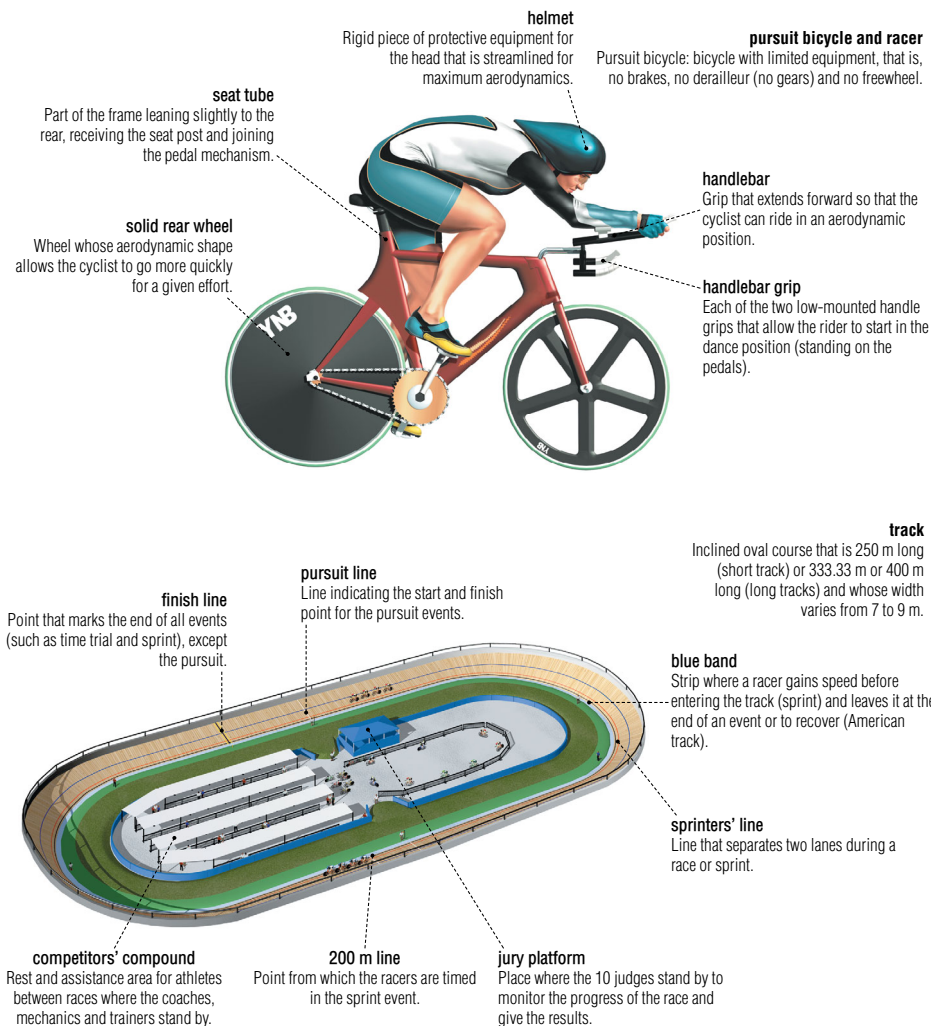
Event that consists of riding a bicycle a given distance on a road as quickly as possible.

**road-racing bicycle and cyclist**

Road-racing bicycle: bicycle that is designed for speed; it has narrow tires, a lightweight frame and handlebars conducive to an aerodynamic position for the cyclist.



Sport that consists of riding a bicycle on a closed track; the two types of track cycling events are speed and endurance.



mountain biking

Sport that consists of performing acrobatic exercises or racing offtrack (on a rough or steep course) on a bicycle.

cross-country bicycle and cyclist

Cross-country bicycle: relatively small, sturdy bicycle designed for performing acrobatics and competing in competitions on rough terrain.

goggles

Eyewear with plastic lenses fitted in a frame with arms; it protects the eyes from flying mud, stones and insects.

front fork

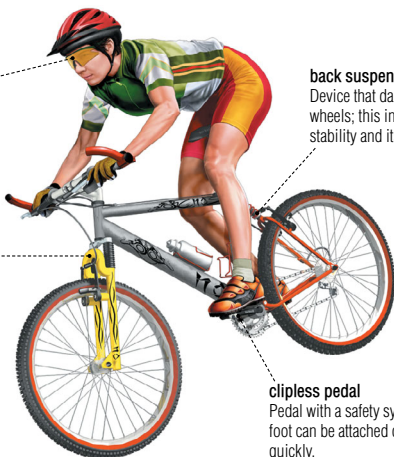
Fork whose air/oil or elastomer suspension provides a controlled ride over rough terrain.

back suspension

Device that dampens vibrations from the wheels; this increases the bicycle's stability and its grip on the trail.

clipless pedal

Pedal with a safety system so that the foot can be attached or detached quickly.



downhill bicycle and cyclist

Downhill bicycle: small, very sturdy bicycle for racing on rough ground with steep hills and strewn with obstacles.

protective goggles

One-piece watertight eyewear that protects the eyes from flying mud, stones and insects.

chin strap

Part of the helmet that protects the cyclist's chin.

pedal with wide platform

Wide pedal providing good footing.

hydraulic disc brake

Brake with jaws that squeeze a disc to slow down the wheel; the braking power is produced by hydraulic pressure.

raised handlebar

Grip whose elevated position makes the bicycle easier to steer when going downhill.



Speed event in which competitors driving race cars must make a predetermined number of laps around a track.

formula 1 car

Single-seater for racing on a closed circuit that can reach speeds of 225 mph; formula 1 is very popular in Europe.

camera

Exposure apparatus for following a driver's vehicle during an event; each car is equipped with at least one camera.

radio antenna

Device that emits and receives radio waves for communications between the driver and the team during the event.

wing

Part using air pressure to increase the load on the rear and front wheels to improve the tires' grip on the track.

cockpit

Part of the body where the driver sits that houses the equipment necessary for driving the car.

Pitot tube

Measuring device for calculating the actual speed of the car by taking into account the influence of the wind.

side fairings

Malleable structure that absorbs the impact from a collision; the side fairings house especially radiators and electronic components.

roll structure

Structure composed of metal loops to protect the driver if the car rolls over.

steering wheel

Unit enabling the driver to steer the turning wheels; a veritable dashboard, it is equipped with several controls such as the clutch and gear shifter.

**wet-weather tire**

Molded tire used on a wet track to evacuate a large quantity of water. At 185 mph, it evacuates more than 6.5 gallons of water per second.

**dry-weather tire**

Grooved tire providing a good grip on a dry track.

car racing

driver

Athlete who drives in a car race.

undergarment

Clothing made of fireproof material that is worn under the suit; the undergarment and the driving suit must cover the neck, wrists and ankles.

crash helmet

Hard piece of equipment designed to protect the head.

balaclava

Cap made of fireproof material that covers the head and neck and leaves the face uncovered.

flame-resistant driving suit

Molded one-piece outfit that is made of fireproof material; it protects the driver from serious burns for several seconds.

shoe

Fire-resistant shoe that covers the entire foot and ankle.

circuit

Driving surface of various lengths for race cars; the driver completes as many laps as necessary to accumulate 190 mi during a Grand Prix.

track

Closed course of a car race alternating between straight lines and more or less tight curves.

gravel bed

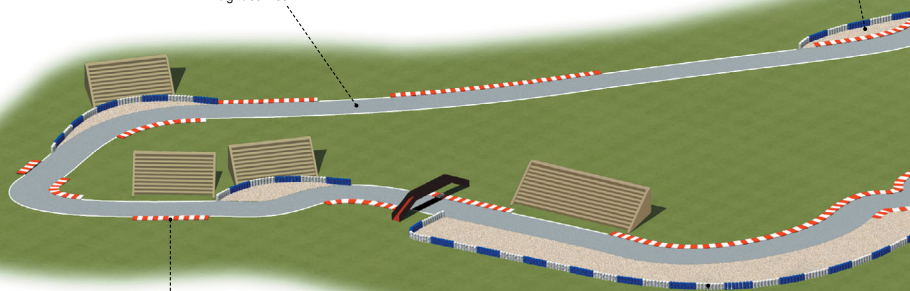
Clear space located especially at curves where a car can slow down in case of a skid or spin.

curb

Concrete structure at the beginning and end of curves; it provides a visual landmark and delimits the track.

tire barrier

Security device for absorbing impact in case of collision or if cars leave the track.



pole position

First position at the starting grid that is obtained by the driver who earned the best time during the qualification session.

starting grid

Position of the cars at the start of the race according to the time obtained during qualifications; the grid is made up of two cars per line in staggered formation.

pit lane

Lane that cars take to get to the pits; it has a speed limit.

pits

Spaces reserved for each team where the drivers stop during the race to refuel and change their tires.

starting line

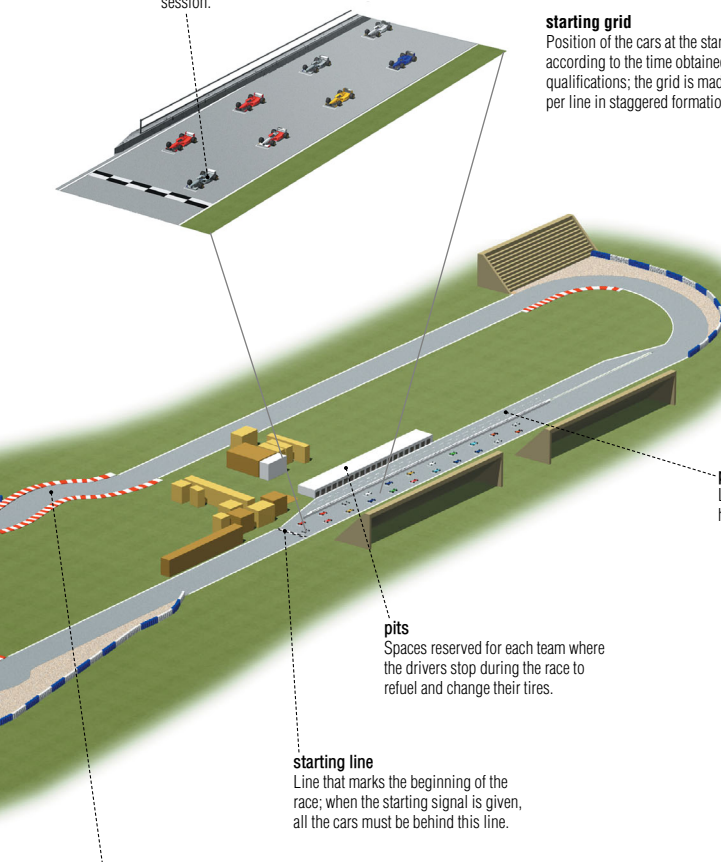
Line that marks the beginning of the race; when the starting signal is given, all the cars must be behind this line.

chicane

Succession of small tight curves designed to break up a straight fast portion of a circuit; it forces drivers to slow down.

**checkered flag**

Black-and-white checkered flag that signals the end of a race or trial session.



motorcycling

Competitions involving motorcycles whose engine cylinder size is larger than 125 cubic centimeters.

supercross circuit

Sometimes covered, man-made track that is composed of earth or a mixture of sand and clay; it is strewn with obstacles and bumps to incite jumps.

obstacles

Elements, such as bumps, spines and bridges, that the racers must clear during an event.

triple jump

Obstacle made up of three bumps in a row that the racer must clear in one jump; the motorcycle must land on the far incline of the third bump.

multiple jumps

Series of several bumps that the racer clears in a single jump, as opposed to clearing each jump separately.

bump

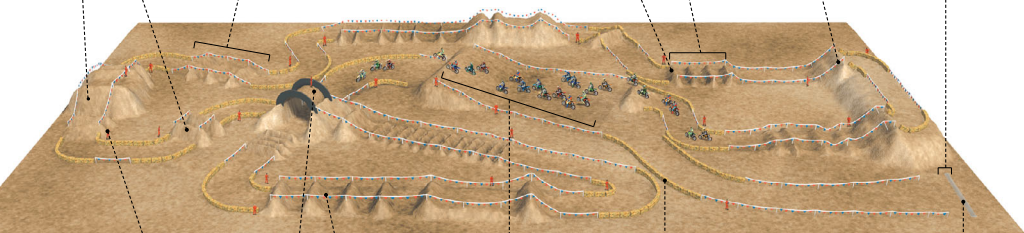
Rounded protrusion on the circuit that constitutes an obstacle for the racers.

spine

High bump enabling the racers to perform spectacular jumps.

start area

The starting line must be wide enough to accommodate the racers lined up abreast; each one needs a breadth of 3.3 ft.

**marshalls**

One of the officials along the track who warn the competitors of potential danger by means of yellow flags.

bridge

Humped structure that constitutes an obstacle for the racers.

markers

Long ribbons on the sides of the track that delimit a safety zone for the racers and spectators.

riders

Racers participating in a motorcycling event.

straw bales

Protective barriers placed at the curves to absorb impact in the event a racer skids out.

starting gate

Transversal device that serves as the motorcycles' starting point; it folds up or down so that the racers can push off.

motocross and supercross motorcycle

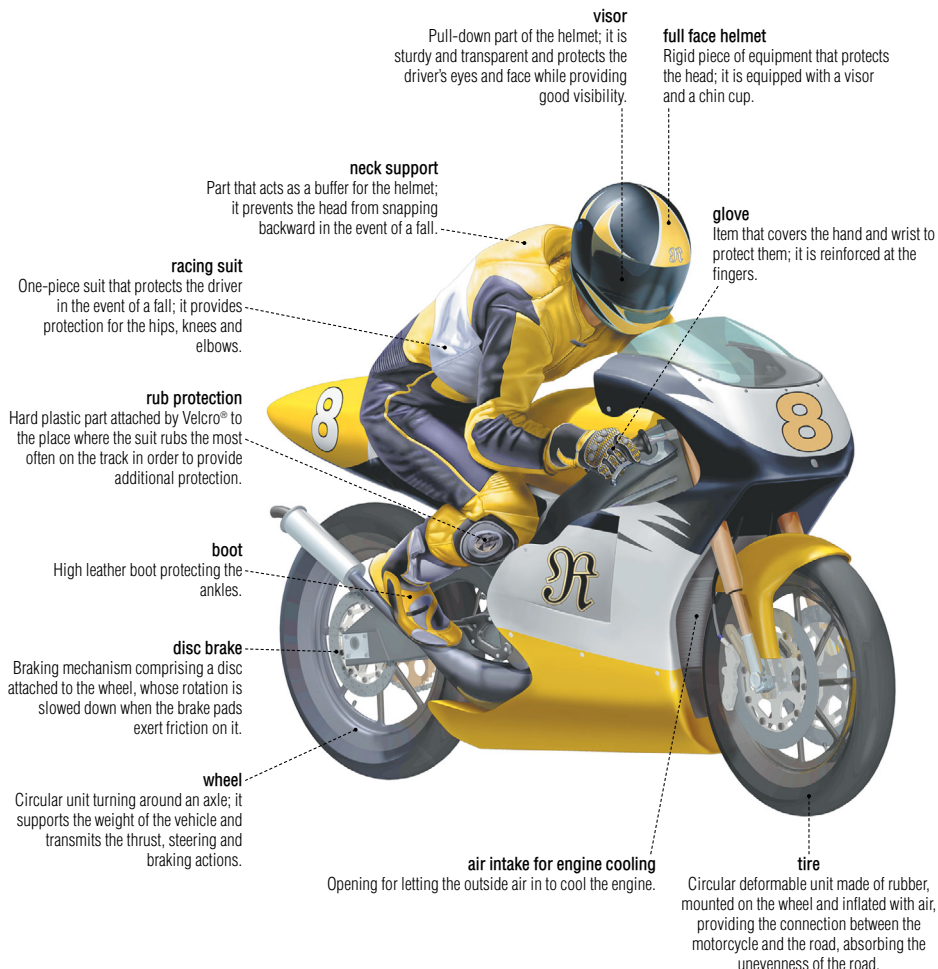
Slim lightweight motorcycle for racing on a closed rough circuit with uneven ground, bumps and hillocks.



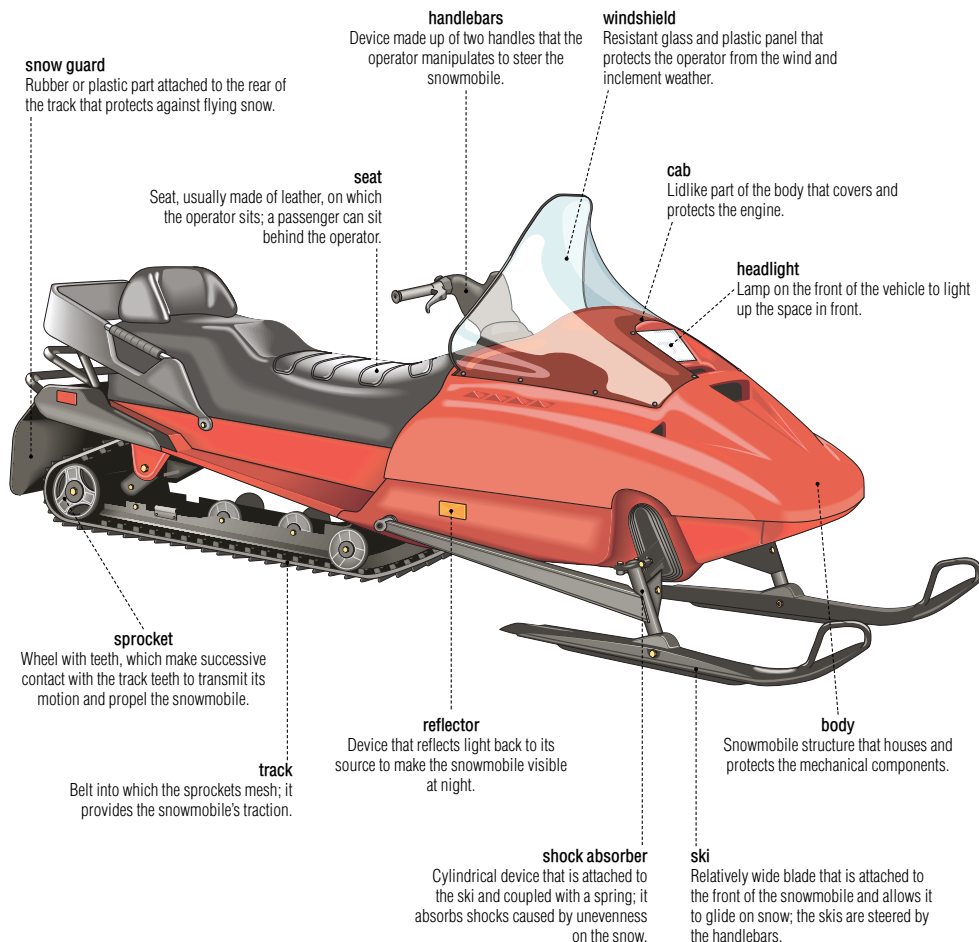
motorcycling

speed grand prix motorcycle and rider

Speed grand prix: streamlined motorcycle designed to race on a usually flat, closed road circuit; it can reach speeds of 200 mph.

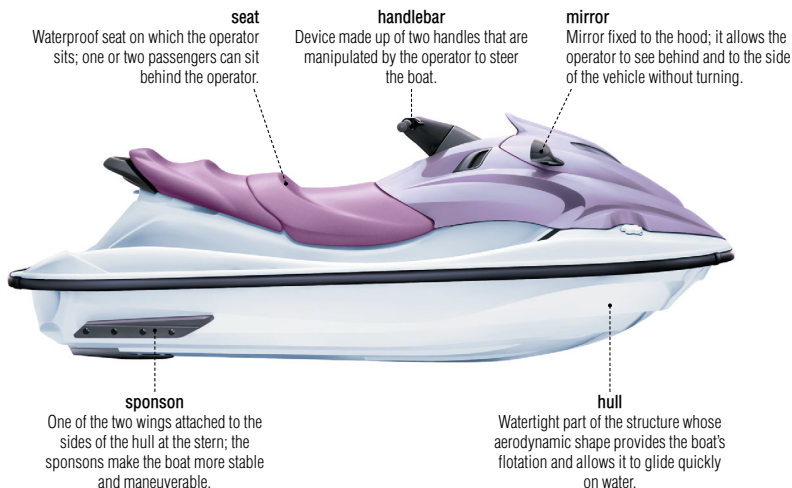


Motorized vehicle with a track and skis for moving rapidly on snow; some snowmobiles reach speeds of 125 mph.



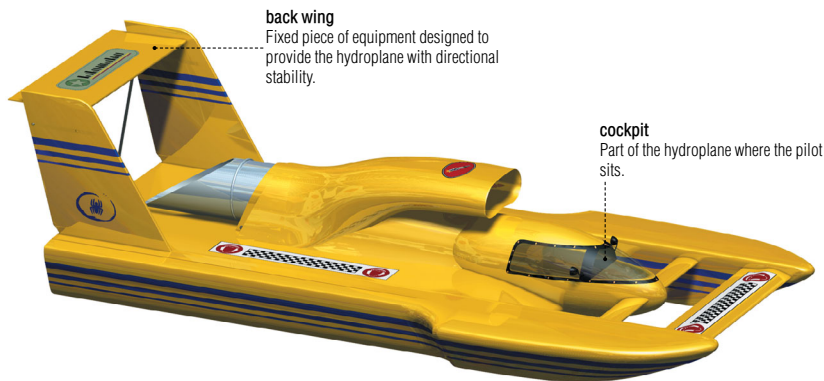
personal watercraft

Motorized boat that moves quickly on water (about 65 mph); it is propelled by a turbine that sucks in water in front of it and shoots it out behind.



hydroplane

Racing boat that runs on a cushion of air and reaches a maximum speed of 190 mi/h.



Sport that is played on an ice rink with two opposing teams of six players; goals are scored by using a stick to put a puck in the opposing net.

ice hockey player

Member of an ice hockey team; players wear a variety of protective equipment to prevent injury caused by falls or body checks.

helmet

Hard piece of equipment designed to protect the head.

visor

Transparent piece of equipment secured to the front of the helmet to protect the eyes and upper face.

team's emblem

Logo representing the team that is printed on the front of the jersey.

glove

Padded covering for the hand and wrist that takes the shape of the fingers; it must be flexible enough to provide a good grip on the stick.

player's number

Number that identifies the hockey player; numbers range from 1 to 99 and are sewn onto the back and the sleeves of the jersey.

pants

Padded clothing attached around the waist by a belt or suspenders; they protect the pelvis, buttocks and thighs.

stocking

Stretchy piece of fabric that covers the leg and thigh; it is worn over the pads to keep the muscles warm.

skate

Reinforced boot equipped with a blade for gliding over ice.

blade

Narrow metal blade that is attached to the skate boot; its curved ends help the player to turn.

**puck**

Black disk that is made of hard rubber; the puck is refrigerated before a game to improve its sliding action and reduce bouncing.

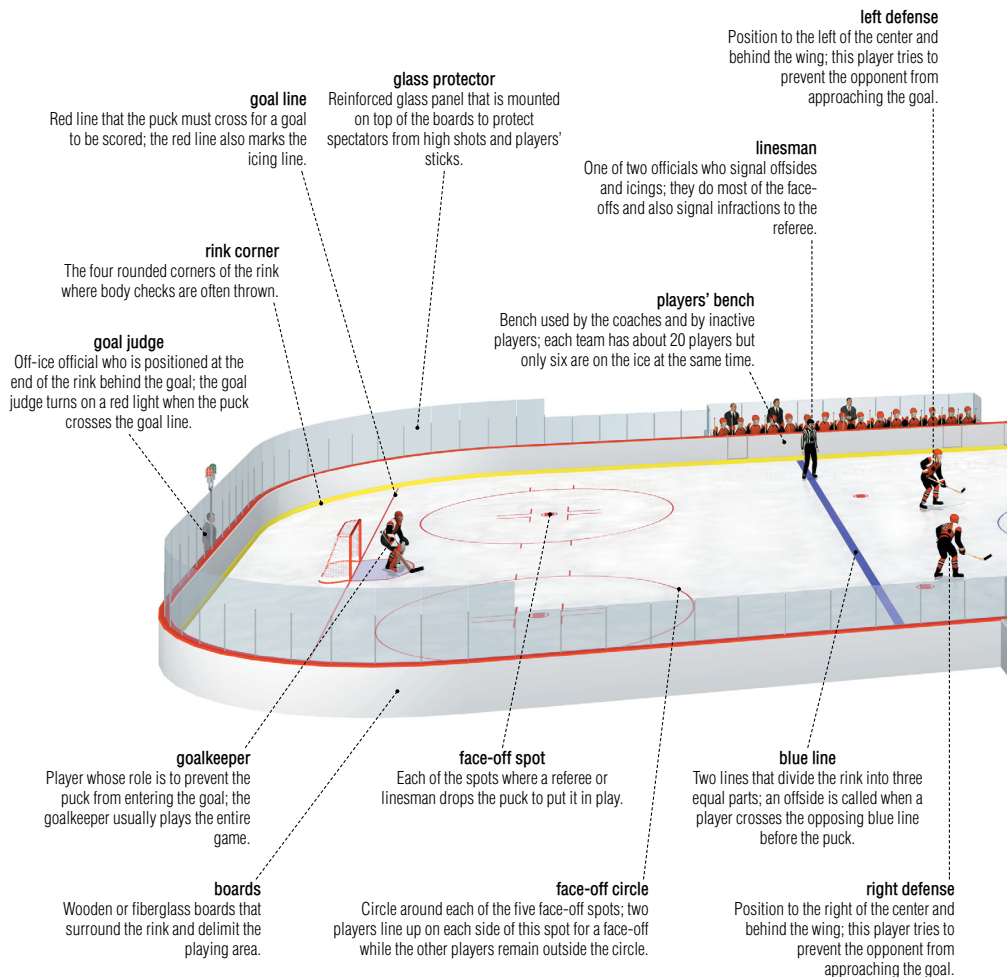
player's stick

Long, traditionally wooden stick that consists of a blade set at an angle to a shaft.

ice hockey

rink

Ice surface on which a hockey game is played; a game consists of three 20-minute periods with two 15-minute intermissions.



left wing

Offensive position to the left of the center; this player's role is to score goals and to check the opposing left wing.

referee

Official who is responsible for applying the rules; the referee, who wears a red armband, officiates and drops the puck for face-offs at the start of a period.

coach

The team's leader; the coach plots strategy and decides who plays in different situations.

neutral zone

Area between the two blue lines where player changes are made and where various offensive and defensive strategies are initiated.

goal crease

Semicircle reserved for the goalkeeper; the referee disallows a goal if a player interferes with the goalkeeper inside the goal crease.

goal

Cage formed of netting mounted on a metal frame; a team scores a goal each time it lodges the puck inside the opposing goal.

goal lights

The red light signals a goal while the green light, which is connected to the official time clock, signals a stoppage in play or the end of a period.

right wing

Offensive position to the right of the center; this player's role is to score goals and to check the opposing right wing.

center face-off circle

Circle in the middle of the rink; face-offs are held in the center circle at the start of a period and after a goal.

center

Player who usually takes the face-offs; a key player on a team, the center plays an offensive and a defensive role.

center line

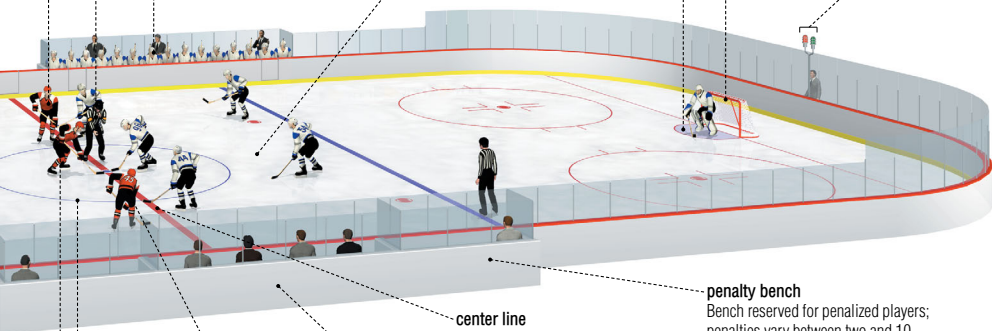
Line that divides the rink into two zones, one for each team; teams change zones after each period.

penalty bench

Bench reserved for penalized players; penalties vary between two and 10 minutes, depending on the seriousness of the infraction.

officials' bench

Bench reserved for some of the off-ice officials (timekeeper and penalty keeper, scorer, announcer).



curling

Sport with two opposing teams of four players who slide stones over an ice surface in the direction of a target.

sheet

Ice surface on which a match is played; when an end is complete, the next end starts from the opposite end of the sheet.

umpire

Official who is responsible for applying the rules; in particular, the umpire rules on the correctness of throws and determines the distance between the stones and the tee.

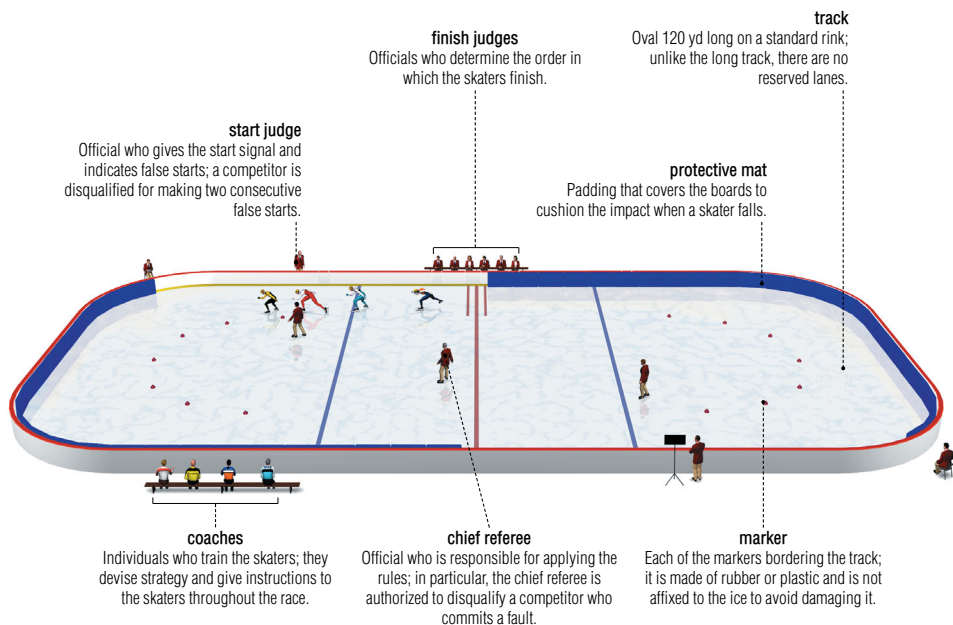
skip

Player who leads the team and determines strategy; the skip is usually the last to throw in an end.

Race on ice between individuals or teams held on a long or short track.

short track

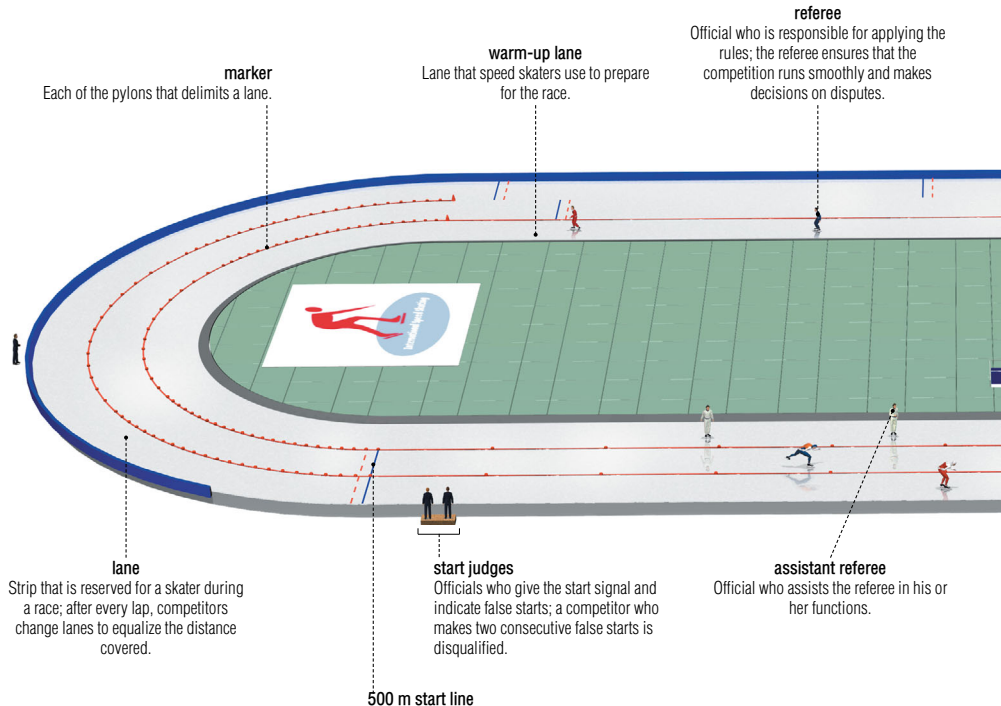
Four to six skaters who race against one another; the skater who finishes with the fastest time wins the race.

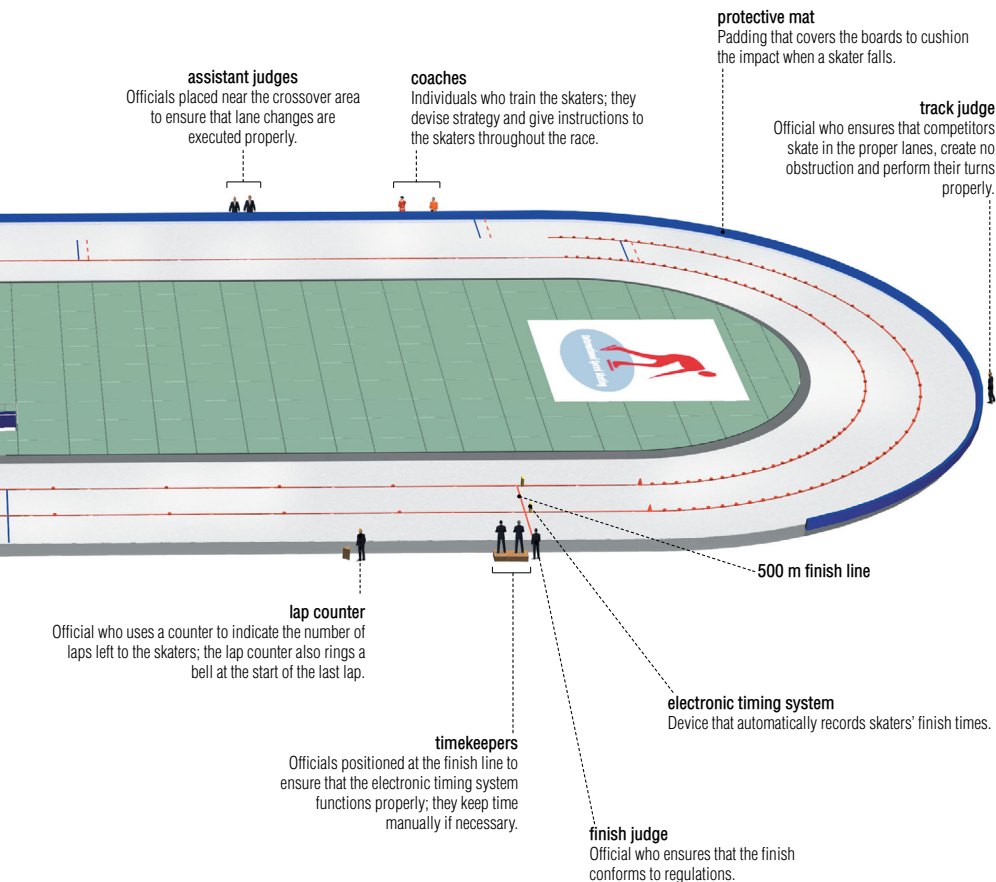


speed skating

long track

Two competitors occupy specific lanes; they take off simultaneously and skate against a clock on an oval track 400 m long.

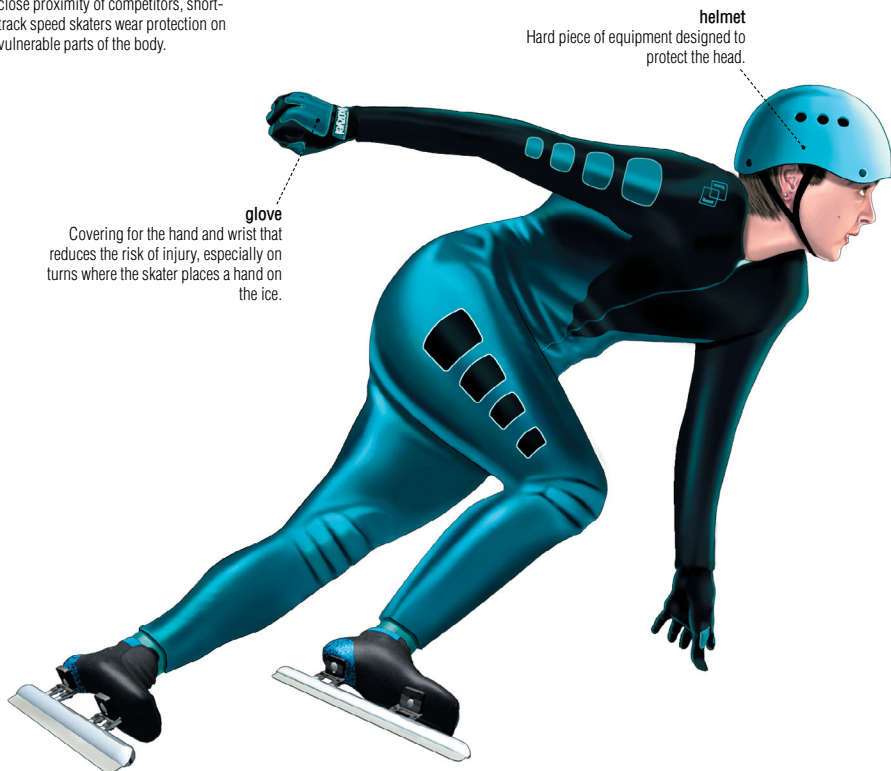




speed skating

skater: short track

Because of the high risk of falling and the close proximity of competitors, short-track speed skaters wear protection on vulnerable parts of the body.

**helmet**

Hard piece of equipment designed to protect the head.

glove

Covering for the hand and wrist that reduces the risk of injury, especially on turns where the skater places a hand on the ice.

**knee pad**

Piece of equipment made of hard molded plastic that protects the knee.

**throat protector**

Nylon neck guard that is worn under the racing suit to protect the skater's neck and throat.

**shin guard**

Piece of equipment that consists of hard molded plastic to protect the skater's legs.

skater: long track

The long-track speed skater wears an aerodynamic racing suit with a hood and an armband; competitors on inside and outside lanes wear different colors.

hood

Headgear attached to the neck of the racing suit; it is pulled over the head before a race to improve aerodynamics.

racing suit

Skintight one-piece garment that reduces air resistance; short-track speed skaters wear a similar racing suit but one without a hood.

**short track skate**

Skate with a blade that is curved in the direction of the turn and offset to the left for better cornering at high speed.

**clap skate**

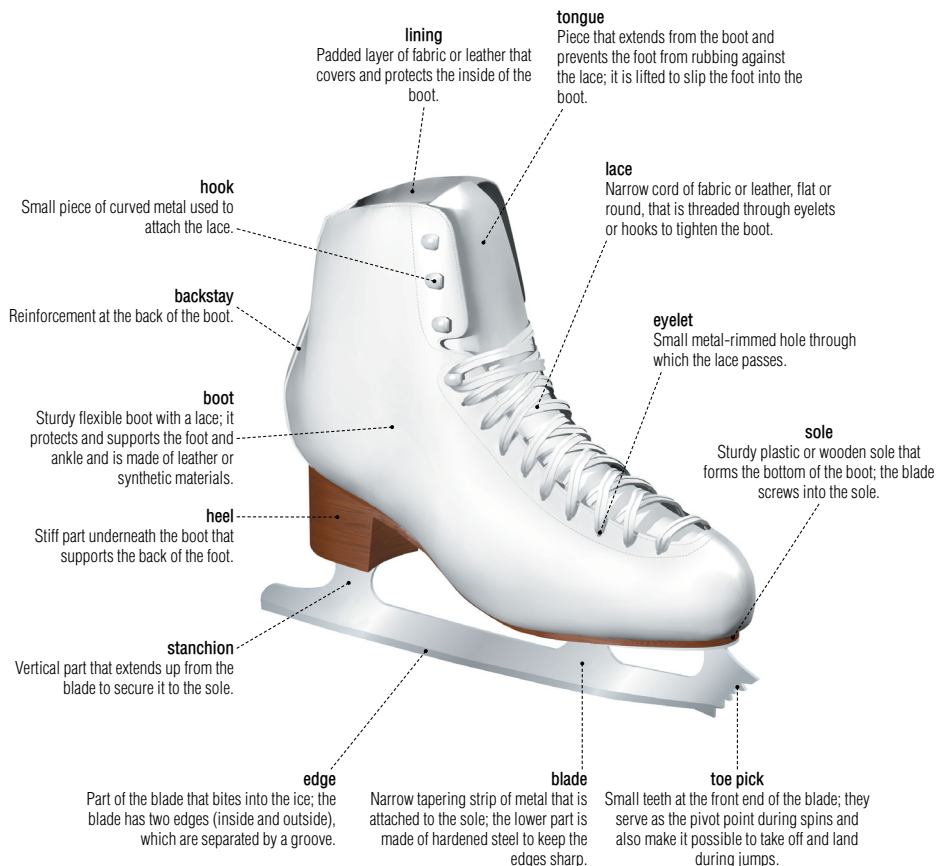
Long-track skate with a blade that detaches from the heel; it provides longer contact with the ice to improve thrust.

figure skating

Sport that consists of executing jumps, spins and figures while skating to music; it includes singles skating, pairs skating and ice dancing.

figure skate

Reinforced boot with a blade that makes it possible to glide over the ice; figure skating is hard on the ankles so the skate provides maximum ankle support.



rink

Ice surface on which skaters execute their programs; program duration varies depending on the event (between 2 min. 40 sec. and 4 min. 30 sec.).

assistant referee

Individual who assists the referee and is authorized to replace him or her if necessary.

referee

Official who is responsible for the eligibility of officials, skaters and the judging panel and the allowability of controversial decisions.

technical delegates

Official who ensures that technical installations are in compliance with the standards of the International Skating Union (ISU).

timekeeper

Person who monitors the length of performances to ensure that skaters respect the allotted time.

judges

Officials who are responsible for evaluating performances; during international competitions, nine judges are chosen at random from the nations represented.

pair

Team formed of a man and a woman; like singles skaters, pairs take part in two events: the technical program and the free program.

technical controller

Official who supervises the work of the technical specialist. He or she can immediately correct any error observed.

coaches

Individuals who oversee the training and preparation of skaters for competitions; coaches provide final advice prior to performances.

technical specialist

Official who identifies the technical elements performed by the skater and their level of difficulty. The information is then transmitted to the judges.

**dance blade**

Blade whose heel is shorter and whose toe picks are less pronounced to facilitate the execution of complex movements and to prevent the toe picks from catching.

**free skating blade**

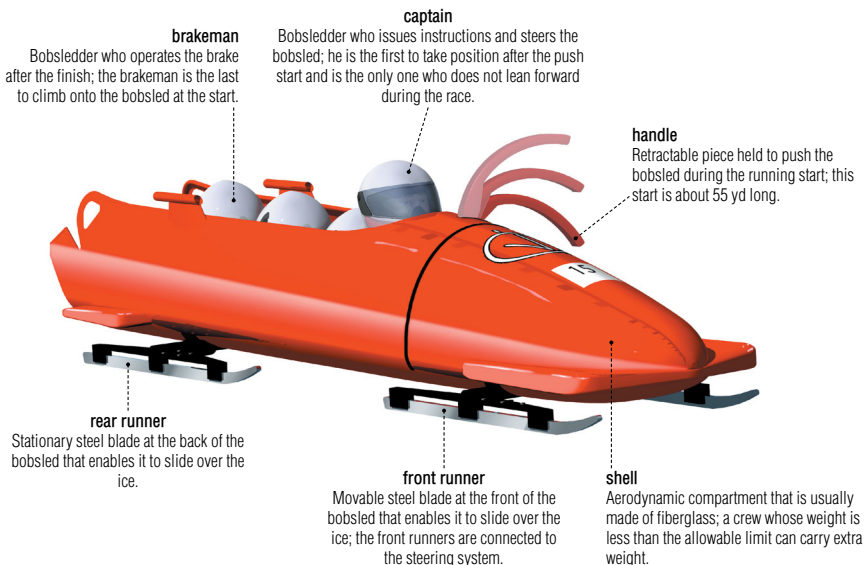
Blade with toe picks that facilitate the execution of jumps and spins; its curvature is more pronounced than that of the dance blade.

bobsled

Sport that consists of racing down an icy track on a two- or four-person bobsled; bobsleds reach speeds of over 85 mph.

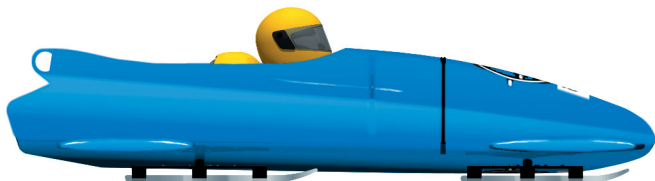
four-person bobsled

Bobsled: vehicle on runners that has steering and braking systems; the four-person bobsled team includes a captain, two crewmen and a brakeman.



two-person bobsled

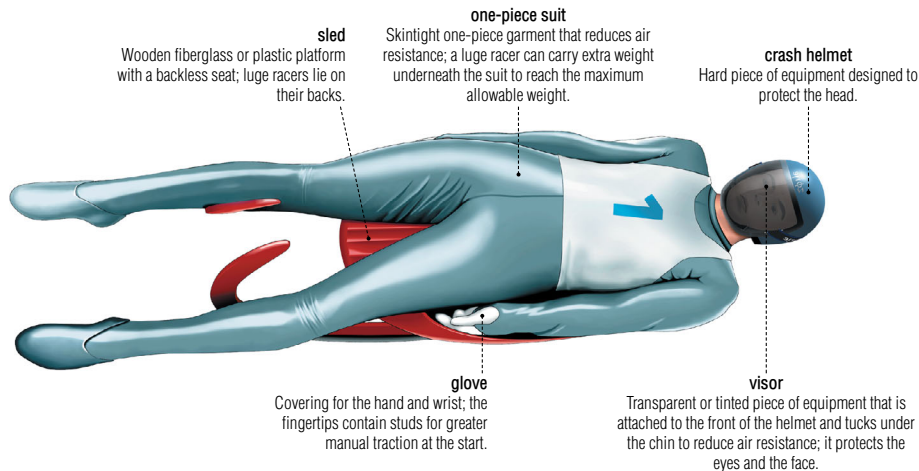
Bobsled designed for a crew of two (a captain and a brakeman); it is shorter and lighter than the four-person bobsled.



Speed sport that consists of racing down an icy track on a singles or doubles luge; luge racers lie on their backs with their feet forward and reach speeds of 90 mph.

luge racer

Athlete who practices luge; the luge racer starts a race in a seated position, then uses the runners to generate momentum and the hands to accelerate before lying down.

**singles luge**

Luge designed for a single racer; it is shorter and lighter than the doubles luge.

**edge**

Sharp part that forms the edge of the blade; the blade is a metal piece placed under the runner so that the luge can slide over the ice.

runner

Piece of wood or fiberglass that is attached to the bottom of the sled; the luge racer steers by applying foot pressure to the front of the runners.

doubles luge

Luge designed for two racers; the luge racer on top (the heavier of the two to improve aerodynamics) is held in place by a strap.

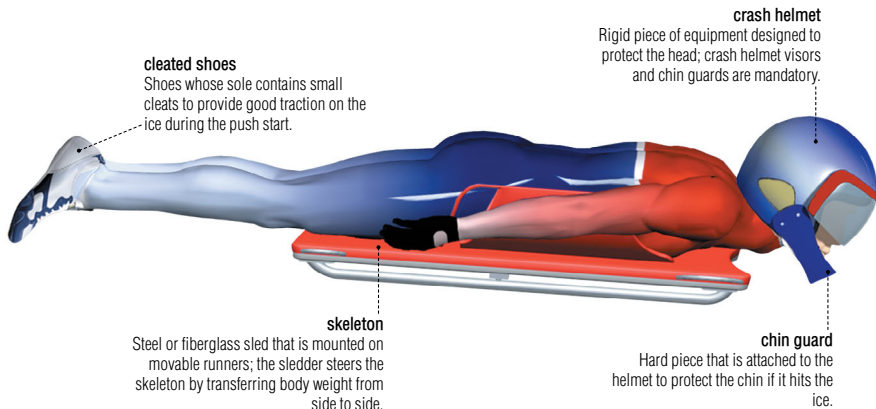


skeleton

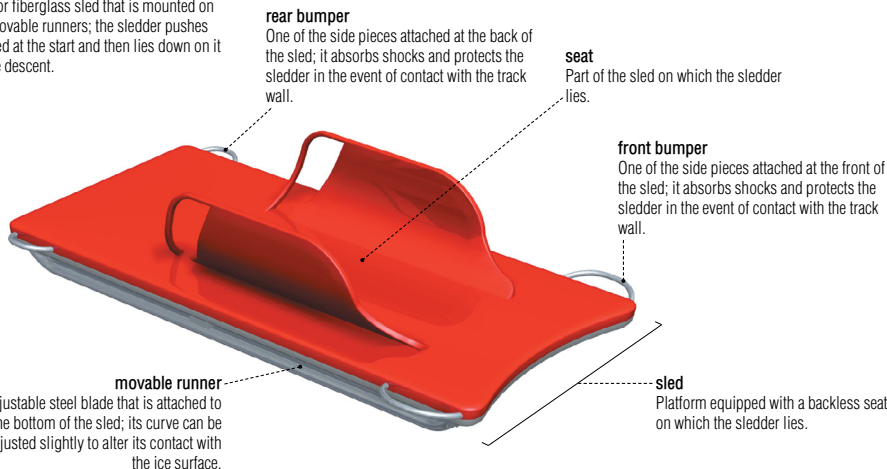
Sport that consists of racing down an icy track on a skeleton, which can reach speeds of 85 mph; sledders lie head forward on their stomachs.

sledder

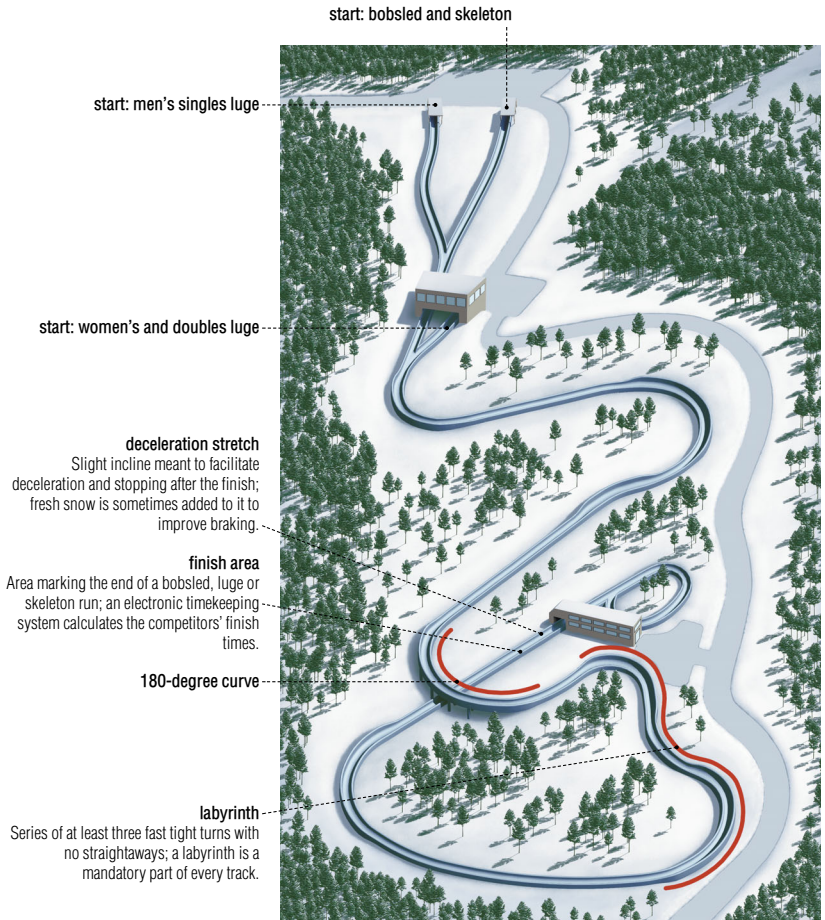
Athlete who practices the skeleton. The sledder wears an aerodynamic suit; extra protection may be worn on the elbow and other vulnerable areas.

**skeleton**

Steel or fiberglass sled that is mounted on two movable runners; the sledder pushes the sled at the start and then lies down on it for the descent.



Concrete structure that is covered with an artificial sheet of ice; bobsled, luge and skeleton races are held on it.



snowboarding

Sport that consists of sliding over a snow-covered surface on a board fitted with foot bindings; the snowboard is steered by bending the knees.

snowboarder

Athlete who practices snowboarding; the snowboarder usually specializes in one particular discipline.

helmet

Rigid piece of equipment that is designed to protect the head; helmets are mandatory for racing.

goggles

Equipment that protects the eyes against the Sun's rays and the elements; the filtered lenses optimize depth perception.

coveralls

Skintight one-piece garment that reduces air resistance.

glove

Covering for the hand and wrist that protects them against the cold and snow in the event of a fall.

shin guard

Piece of equipment made of hard molded plastic that protects the snowboarder's legs.

snowboard

Board with foot bindings that is designed for sliding over snow-covered surfaces.



**flexible boot**

Flexible boot that is designed for freestyle and all-terrain snowboarding; it allows the snowboarder to perform a broad range of movements and figures.

**hard boot**

Boot used for alpine events; it provides firm support and makes it possible to immediately transfer body movement to the board.

freestyle snowboard

Wide flexible snowboard used for figures; the nose and tail are identical so that the snowboarder can take off and land in both directions.

soft binding

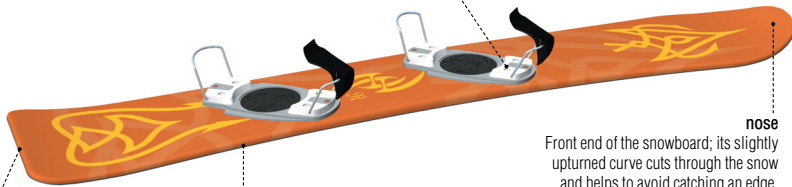
Binding used with flexible boots; the soft binding has straps to secure the foot and padded ankle supports.

**plate binding**

Binding used with hard boots; it has a metal toeplate that keeps the boot firmly in place to provide maximum stability.

alpine snowboard

Long narrow rigid snowboard that is designed to reach high speeds.

**tail**

Back end of the snowboard; unlike the tail of the freestyle snowboard, the alpine snowboard tail is not designed for going backward.

edge

Metal edge along the sole of the snowboard; the edge digs into the snow and makes turning possible.

nose

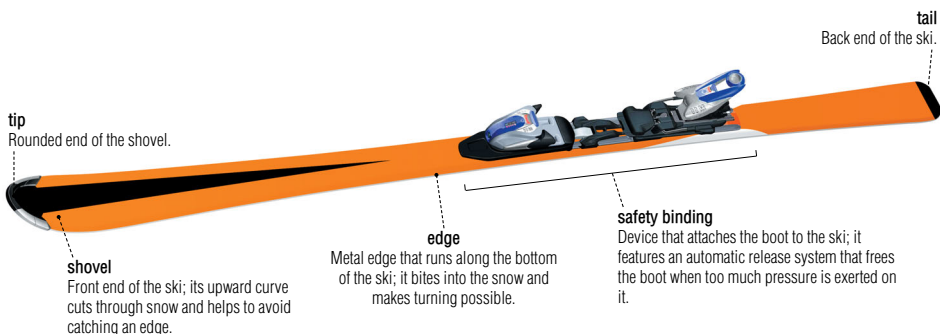
Front end of the snowboard; its slightly upturned curve cuts through the snow and helps to avoid catching an edge.

alpine skiing

Sport that consists of racing on alpine skis down a snow-covered slope with a medium or steep drop.

ski

Long board with foot bindings that is designed for gliding over a snow-covered surface; it is usually made of wood or composite fibers.



ski boot

Rigid boot made of plastic or composite materials; the front and back of the ski boot attach to the ski.



alpine skier

Athlete who practices alpine skiing; alpine skiers often specialize in one or more of four events.

helmet

Rigid piece of equipment that is designed to protect the head; helmets are mandatory for racing.

ski goggles

Equipment that protects the eyes against the Sun's rays and the elements; the filtered lenses optimize depth perception.

ski suit

Skintight one-piece garment that reduces air resistance; various protective devices can be added, depending on the event.

ski glove

Covering for the hand and wrist that protects them against the cold and bad weather; padded but flexible, it provides a solid grip on the handle.

basket

Circular piece attached to the bottom of the ski pole; it prevents the pole from sinking too deeply into the snow.

ski pole

Metal or composite fiber rod with a handle and a basket; the ski pole is used for maintaining balance and for turning.

groove

Indentation along the bottom that improves glide and stability on straightaways.

ski boot

Rigid boot made of plastic or composite materials; the front and back of the ski boot attach to the ski.

wrist strap

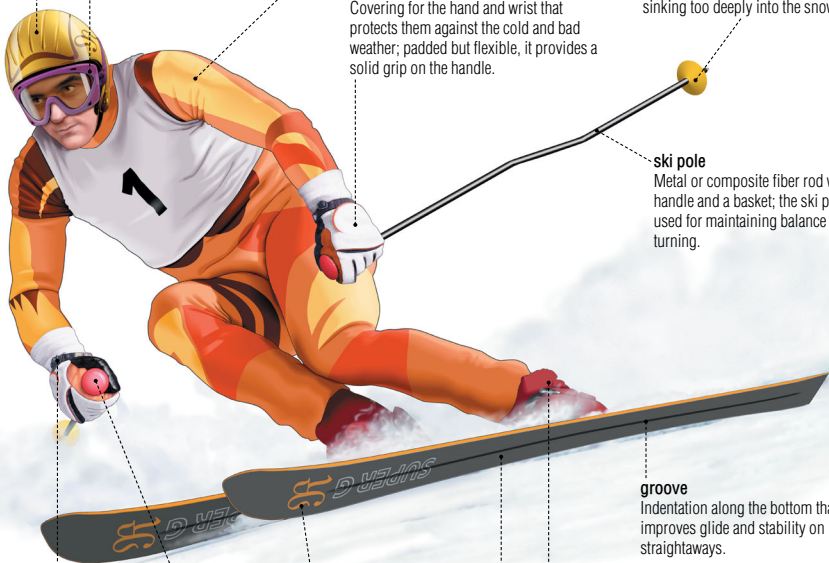
Strap that is attached to the handle and worn around the wrist to prevent the skier from losing a pole when sticking it into the ground.

bottom

Carefully polished piece that forms the bottom of the ski; a wax suited to snow conditions is applied to the bottom to obtain the best possible glide.

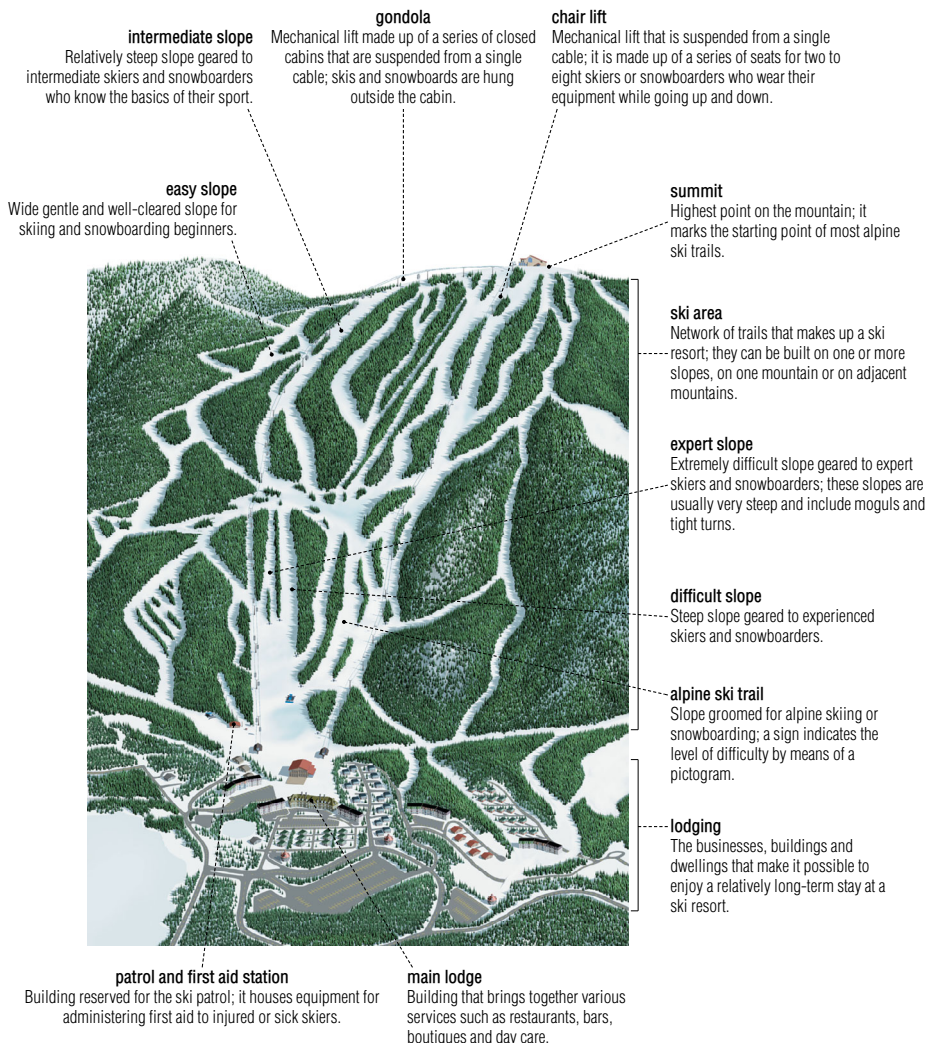
ski

Long board with foot bindings that is designed for gliding over a snow-covered surface; it is usually made of wood or composite fibers.



ski resort

Resort area with the facilities required for skiing and snowboarding; it also lodges skiers and snowboarders.

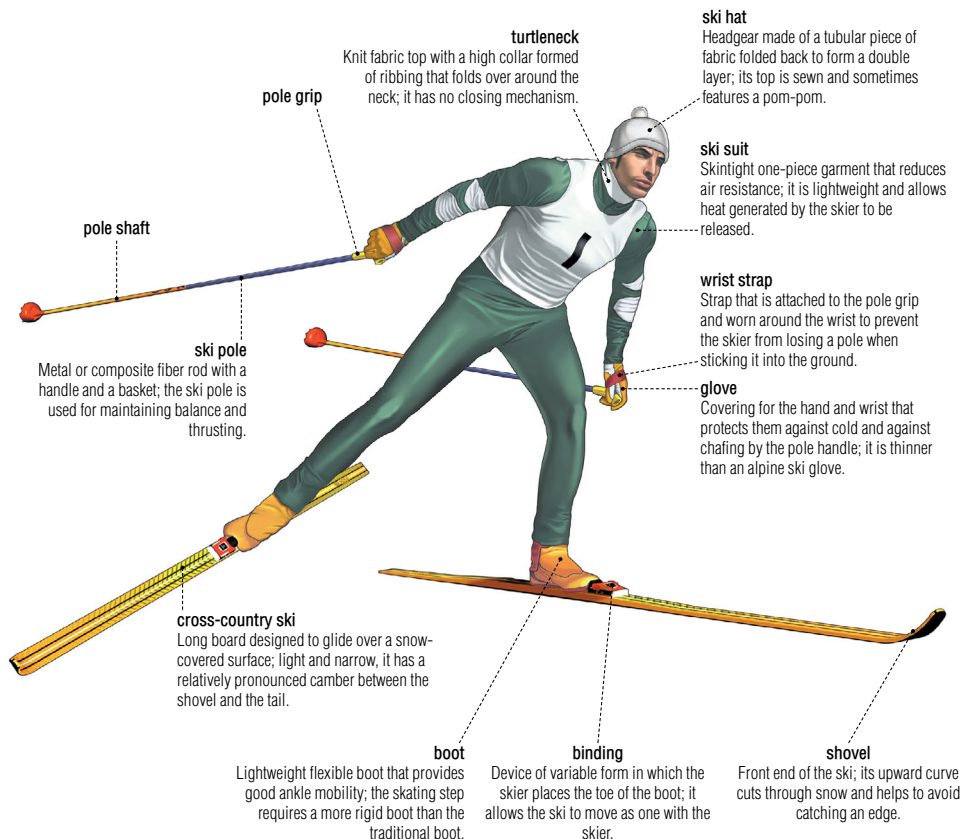


cross-country skiing

Sport that consists of skiing over snow-covered surfaces on gently sloping terrain using a variety of techniques (skating step, diagonal step).

cross-country skier

Athlete who practices cross-country skiing; this athlete takes part in various individual (classic, freestyle, pursuit, sprint) and team (relay) events.



cross-country skiing

cross-country ski

Long board designed to glide over a snow-covered surface; light and narrow, it has a relatively pronounced camber between the shovel and the tail.

ski tip

Rounded end of the shovel.

shovel

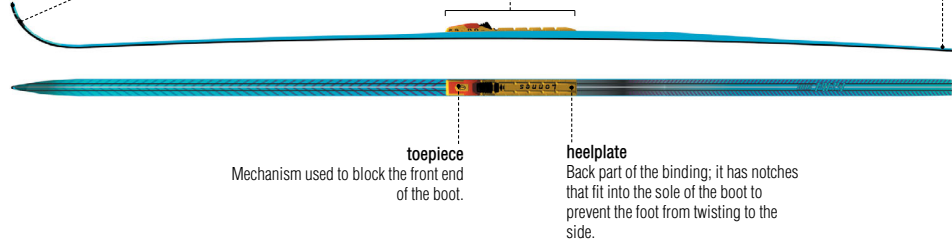
Front end of the ski; its upward curve cuts through snow and helps to avoid catching an edge.

toe binding

Binding with a mechanism that locks only the front of the boot.

tail

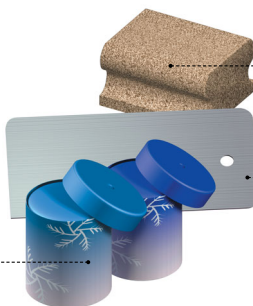
Back end of the ski.

**waxing kit**

Kit that contains a number of waxes suited to a variety of snow conditions and the accessories used to apply or remove them.

wax

Substance applied to the bottom of the skis; waxes include glide wax, which reduces friction on snow, and kick wax, which improves traction.

**cork**

Piece of cork used to spread an even layer of wax onto the bottom.

scraper

Blade used to remove kick wax or smooth the ski bottom after applying glide wax.

skating step

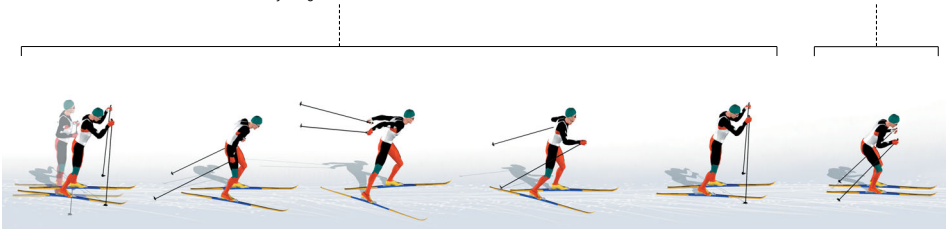
Technique that allows the cross-country skier to drive forward by pushing to the side like a skater; it is faster than the diagonal step.

skating kick

Side kick executed by leaning on the inside of one ski while keeping the body weight on the other ski.

gliding phase

Transition phase between two pushes; the skier returns the take-off leg to its initial position while moving the support ski forward.

**diagonal step**

Classic cross-country skiing technique; the skis remain parallel except in sharp turns or steep climbs.

pushing phase

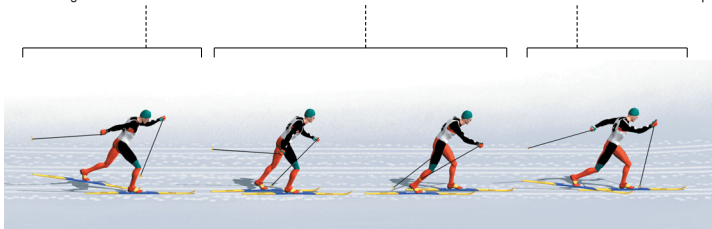
Thrusting movement that begins by quickly pushing the take-off leg backwards; the skier alternates this movement from one leg to the other.

gliding phase

Transition phase between two pushes; the skier returns the take-off leg to its initial position while moving the support ski forward.

pushing phase

Rapid repetition of the pushing phase increases the skier's speed.

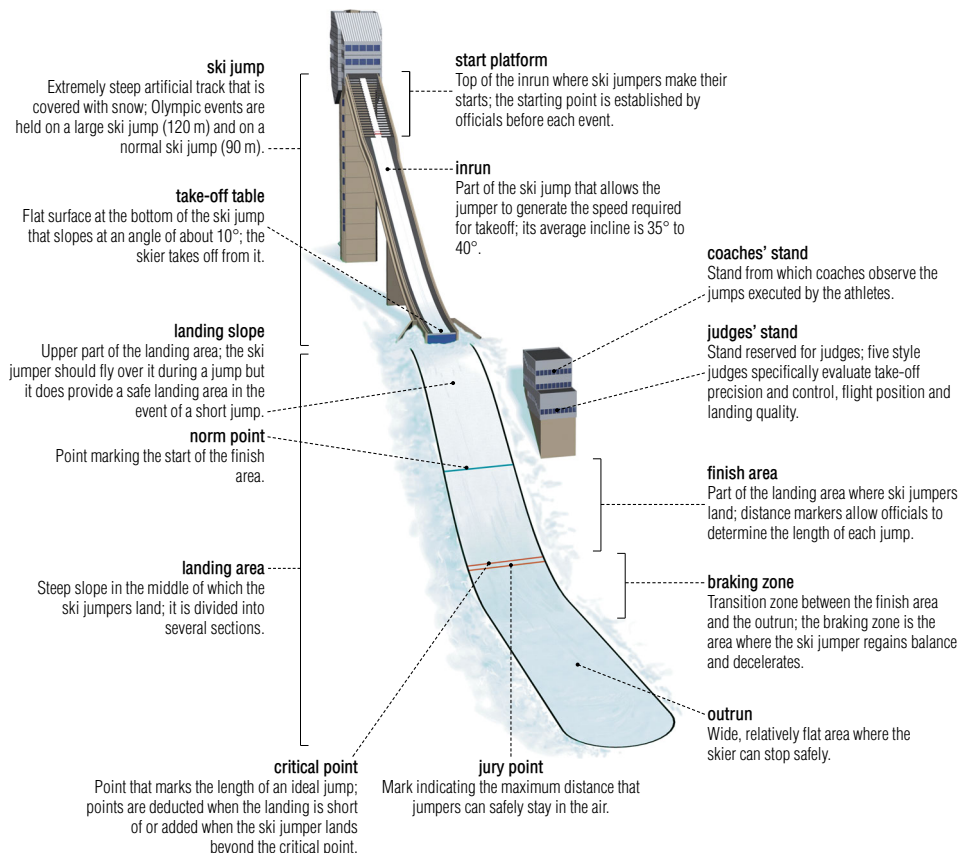


ski jumping

Sport that consists of covering the greatest possible distance in the air after jumping off a ski jump; the jumper's style is marked by judges.

track

During a ski jumping event, each competitor executes two jumps and points are awarded for style and distance.



ski jumper

Athlete who practices ski jumping; the ski jumper takes part in individual (large jump, normal jump) and team (large jump) events.

ski jumping suit

Skintight one-piece garment whose thickness and air permeability are regulated.

glove

Covering for the hand and wrist that protects them against the cold and snow in the event of a fall.

helmet

Hard piece of equipment designed to protect the head.

ski jumping boot

Boot that is more flexible than an alpine ski boot; it provides good ankle support while allowing forward flexion.

jumping ski

Ski without edges that is longer and wider than an alpine ski; its bottom has lengthwise grooves that provide stability in a straight line.

binding

Device used to fasten the boot to the ski; the heel is left free so that the ski jumper can lean forward during flight.

jumping technique

The jump lasts five to eight seconds and involves four stages, each of which requires a specific technique.

inrun

The ski jumper descends the inrun in a tuck position, reaching speeds of over 50 mph.

flight

The ski jumper leans forward to improve aerodynamics and places the skis in a V position to promote lift and prolong flight.

take-off

On reaching the end of the take-off table, the ski jumper quickly straightens up and stretches forward to obtain maximum lift.

landing

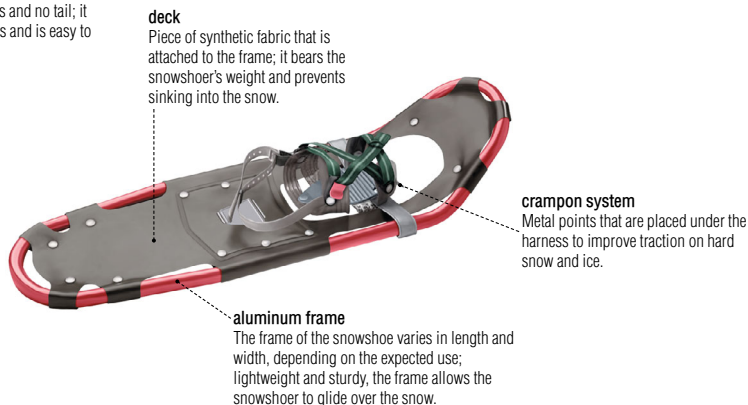
The landing is made in telemark position, with one leg placed slightly ahead of the other; this distributes landing impact throughout the entire body.

snowshoes

Wide soles that come in a variety of shapes and are fitted to boots; snowshoes are used to walk on snow without sinking.

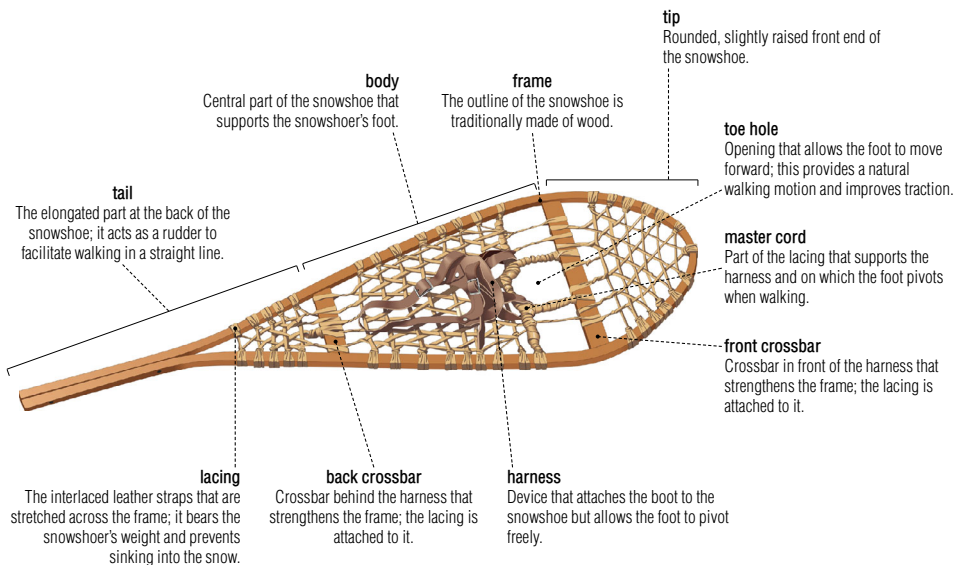
elliptical snowshoe

Snowshoe with rounded ends and no tail; it is made of synthetic materials and is easy to maneuver in wooded areas.



Michigan snowshoe

Wooden snowshoe with a long tail; it is especially suited to walking in a straight line in open areas.



Range of activities that use skates fitted with small wheels: hockey, sprints, acrobatics on ramps or specially designed tracks, etc.

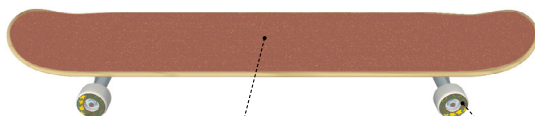
in-line skate

Reinforced boot with four wheels placed in a straight line; it is used to move around on a hard, relatively smooth surface.



skateboarding

Sport that involves descents, turns and tricks on a specially designed or improvised surface; the skateboarder uses a board mounted on small wheels.



grip tape

Rough surface attached to the board that helps the skater's shoes adhere to it.

wheel

Small round object that turns on an axis so the board can move backward or forward; its diameter and durability vary with the activity.

ramp

Wooden U-shaped track that is set up for performing various acrobatic stunts (such as jumps and slides).

platform

Flat level surface at the top of the ramp; it can be more than 10 ft above the ground.

coping

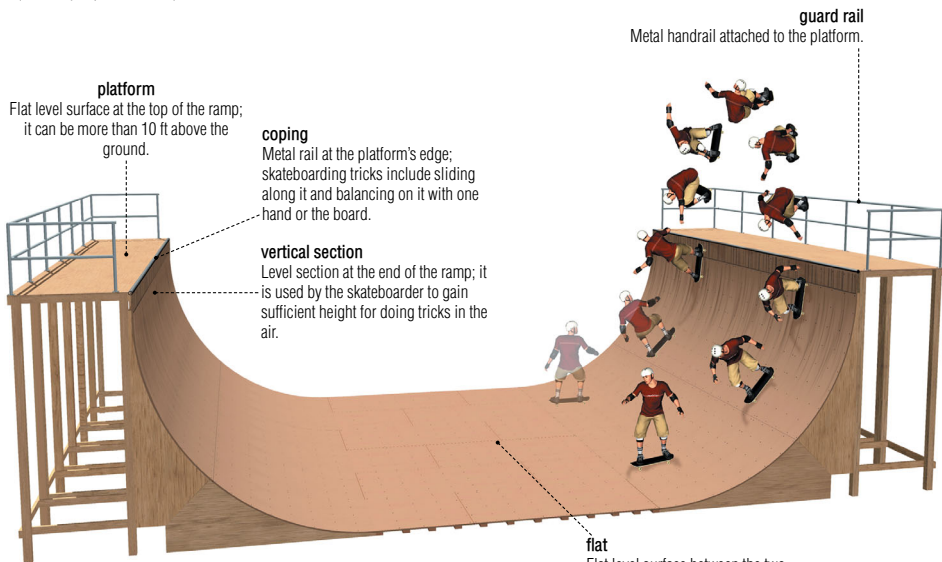
Metal rail at the platform's edge; skateboarding tricks include sliding along it and balancing on it with one hand or the board.

vertical section

Level section at the end of the ramp; it is used by the skateboarder to gain sufficient height for doing tricks in the air.

guard rail

Metal handrail attached to the platform.

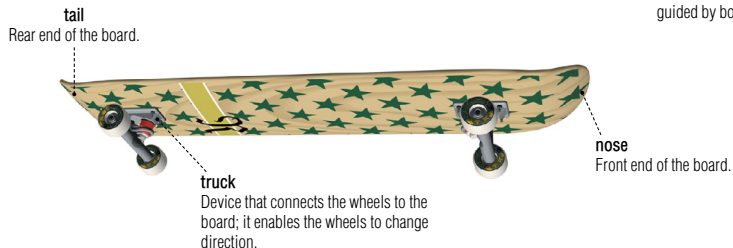


flat

Flat level surface between the two curved sections of the ramp.

skateboard

Wooden, usually concave board mounted on four small wheels; it is guided by body movements.

**skateboarder**

Athlete who skateboards; because of the risk of injury from falling, the athlete usually wears several pieces of protective equipment.

knee pad
Piece of equipment made of hard molded plastic that protects the knee.

elbow pad
Piece of equipment with a hard outer shell that is used to protect the elbow.

helmet
Hard piece of equipment designed to protect the head.

coping
Metal rail at the platform's edge; skateboarding tricks include sliding along it and balancing on it with one hand or the board.



parachuting

Range of sporting activities that all include opening a parachute in the air after jumping from an airplane.

parachute

Equipment consisting of a canopy that is connected to a harness by suspension lines; it is deployed at a given altitude to slow a sky diver's descent.

canopy

Structure made of fabric cells that, when filled with air, forms a rectangular surface with the aerodynamic properties of an airplane wing.

pilot chute

Small parachute that deploys the canopy; to open the parachute, the sky diver opens the pilot chute, which pulls the canopy out of the pack.

stabilizer

Fabric triangle attached to the sides of the canopy; it is used primarily to stabilize the parachute.

suspension line

Cables that connect the canopy to the harness.

slider

Part that slows down the deployment of the canopy to absorb the impact of deceleration as it opens up.

brake loop

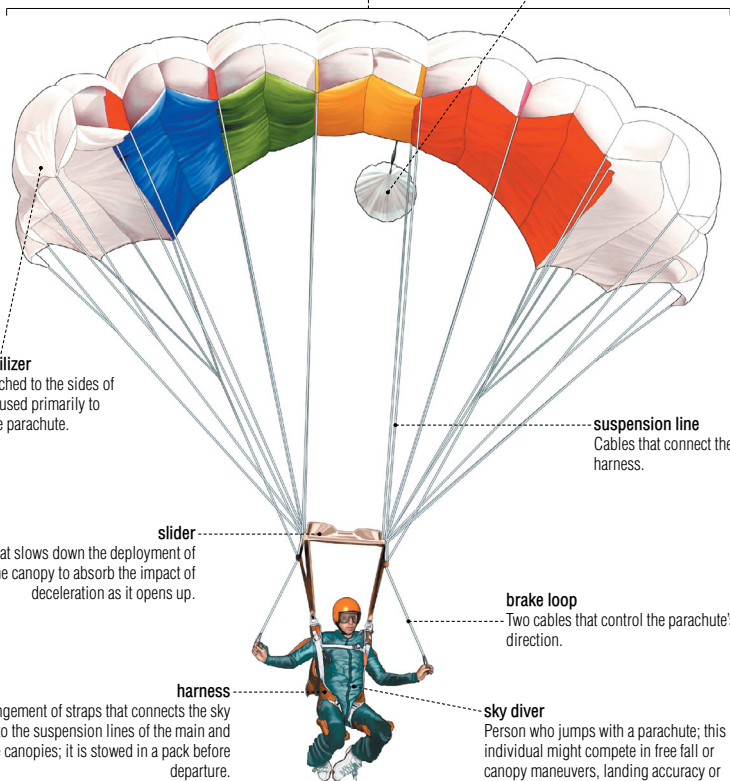
Two cables that control the parachute's direction.

harness

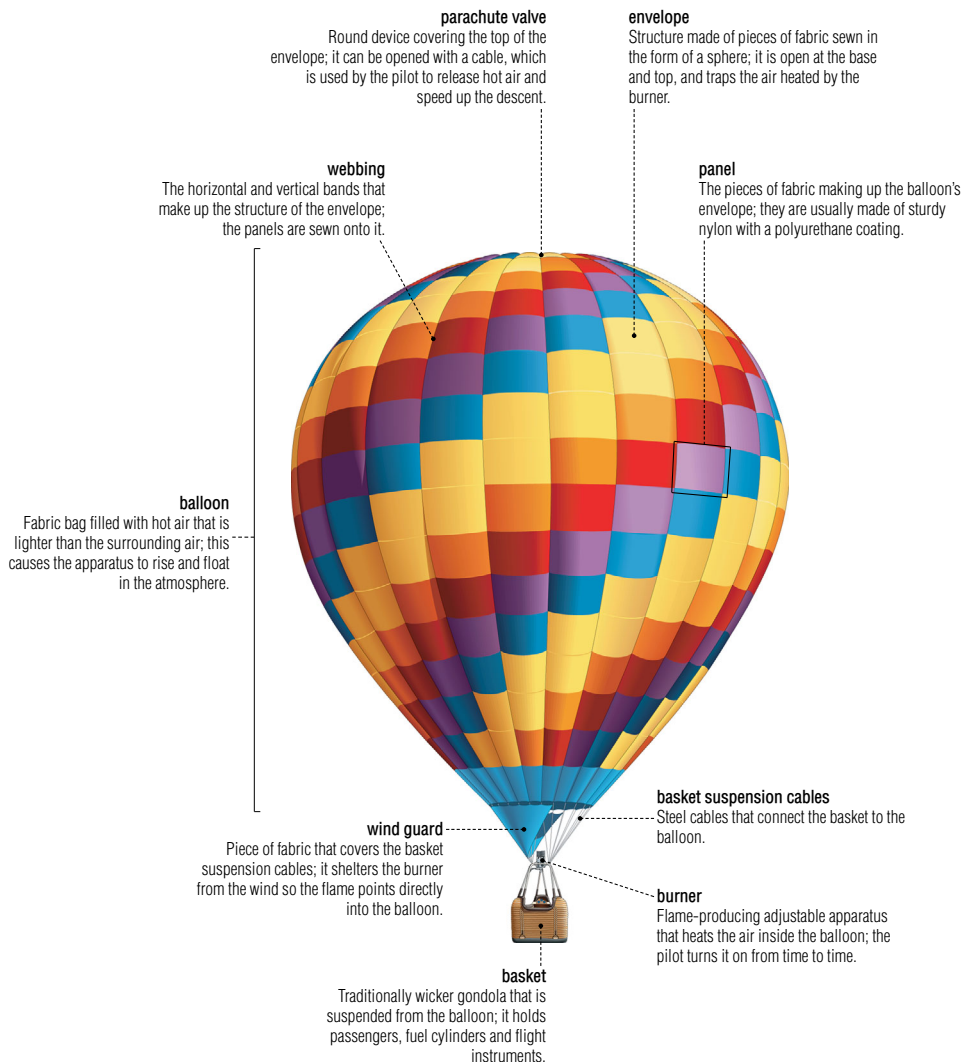
Arrangement of straps that connects the sky diver to the suspension lines of the main and reserve canopies; it is stowed in a pack before departure.

sky diver

Person who jumps with a parachute; this individual might compete in free fall or canopy maneuvers, landing accuracy or other kinds of events.



Sport of traveling in a balloon carried along by the wind; flights take place at dawn and dusk, when winds are light and the air is stable.



hang gliding

Sport where a pilot strapped to a hang glider or a paraglider launches from a mountain slope, gains altitude and remains aloft for some distance.

paraglider

Equipment made up of a flexible canopy attached to a harness; it is used to take off from a height and gain altitude on lifting air currents.

canopy
Structure of fabric cells that, when filled with air, forms an elliptical surface with the aerodynamic properties of an airplane wing.

half cell
The fabric compartments that fill with air to give the canopy its shape.

leading edge
Front edge of the canopy where the half cells open; during liftoff, the leading edge faces into the wind so the canopy fills with air.

stabilizer
Fabric triangle attached to the sides of the canopy; it is used primarily to stabilize the paraglider.

suspension line
Cables that connect the canopy to the risers; they are arranged in rows on the risers according to the point where they attach to the canopy.

paragliding pilot

Person who paraglides; an experienced pilot can skillfully use air currents to stay aloft for several hours at a time.

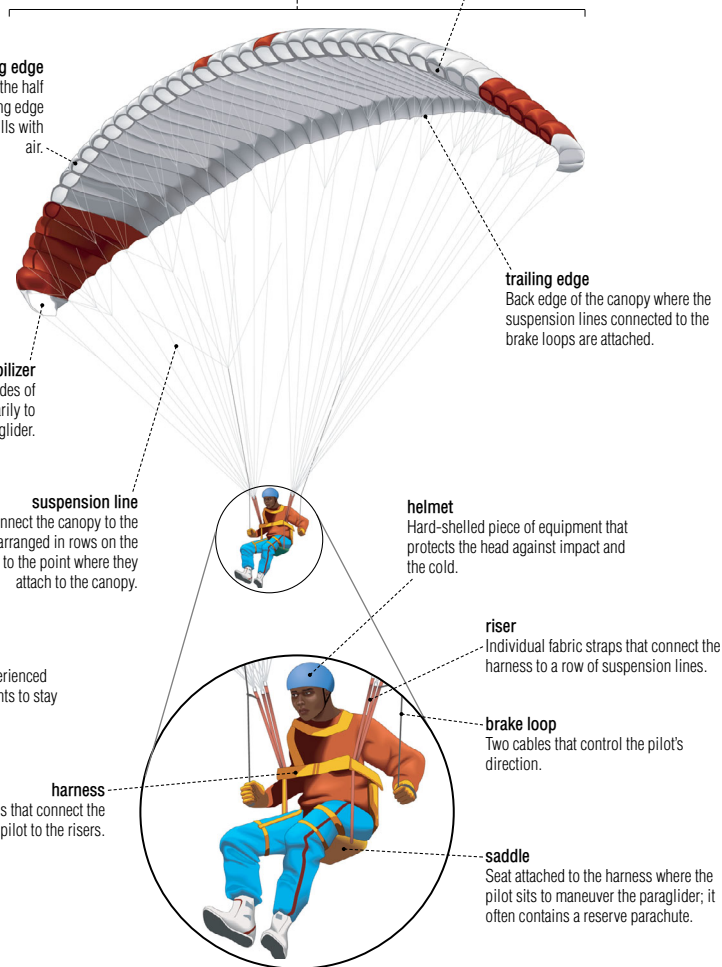
harness
Arrangement of straps that connect the pilot to the risers.

helmet
Hard-shelled piece of equipment that protects the head against impact and the cold.

riser
Individual fabric straps that connect the harness to a row of suspension lines.

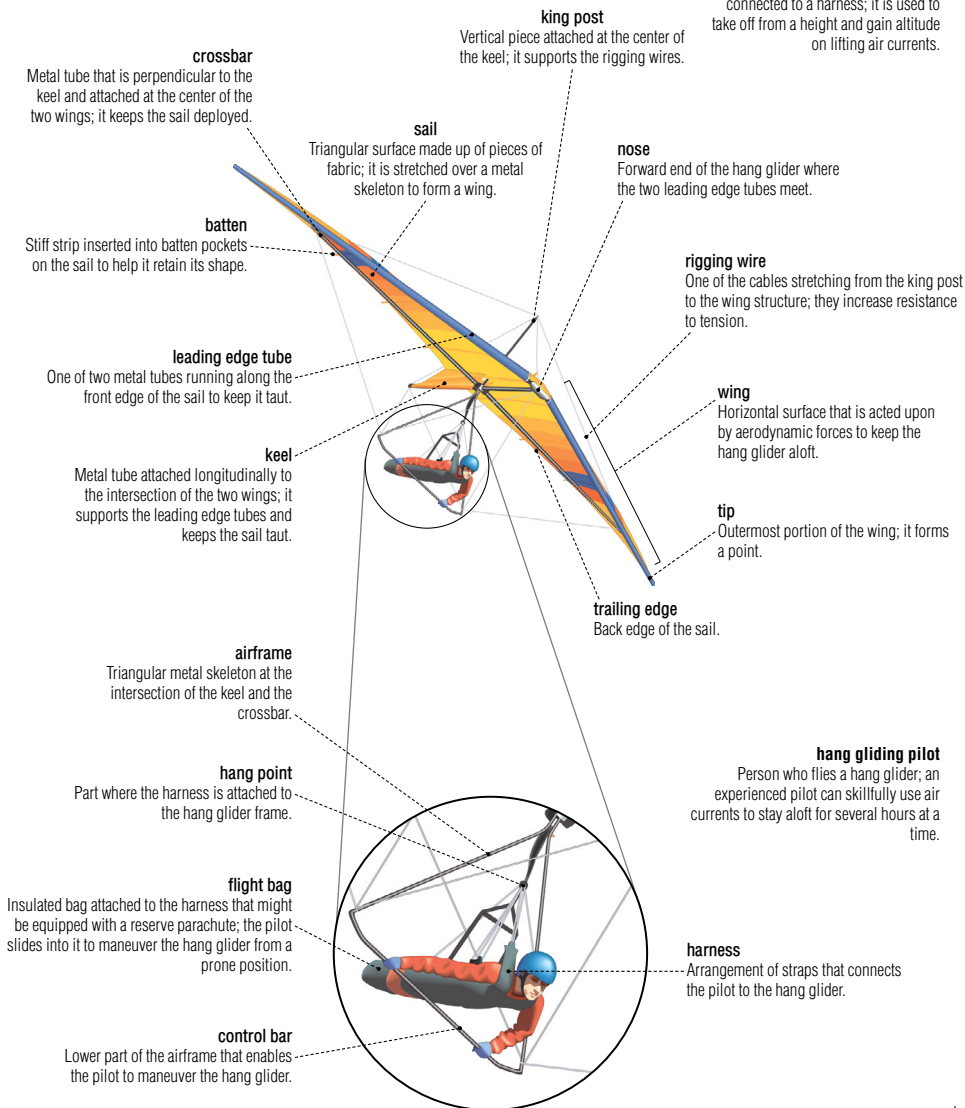
brake loop
Two cables that control the pilot's direction.

saddle
Seat attached to the harness where the pilot sits to maneuver the paraglider; it often contains a reserve parachute.



hang glider

Equipment made up of two wings connected to a harness; it is used to take off from a height and gain altitude on lifting air currents.



climbing

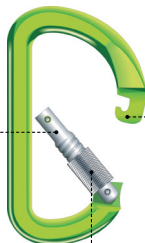
Leisure or competitive sport that consists of climbing up a natural rock face or an artificial climbing structure using bare hands and light equipment.

equipment

Complete range of accessories used in climbing.

locking carabiner

Metal ring with a gate that, once closed, can be locked with a screwsleeve; this makes it safer than the D carabiner.



gate

Moving metal part that opens inward and has a spring-loaded closure.

latch

Part over which the gate closes.

screwsleeve

Device that locks the gate into a closed position.



D carabiner

Metal ring that opens and closes with a spring-loaded gate; it is used for attaching rope to a piton, a chock, etc.

piton

Metal spike with a blade that is driven into a crack in the rock face; it ends in an eye to which a belay rope can be attached with a carabiner.



blade

Part that is driven into the crack in the rock face.

eye

Hole that is large enough for a carabiner to snap on so that a rope can be attached to the piton.



rope

Thin cable with a braided center core that makes it stretchy and strong and a woven sheath that surrounds and protects the core.



seat harness

Accessory connected to the belay rope that consists of a number of straps to support the climber's thighs and pelvis.



descender

Metal accessory through which a rope slides that is used to protect the rope and the climber's hands; it acts as a brake during rappel descents.

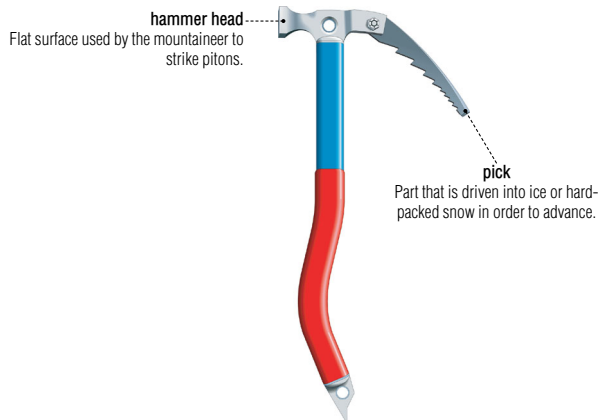


expansion piton

Piton that is driven into a hole previously made in the rock.

hammer ax

Hammer that doubles as an ice ax; it is used to drive in pitons, cut footholds, break ice on the rock face, etc.

**chock**

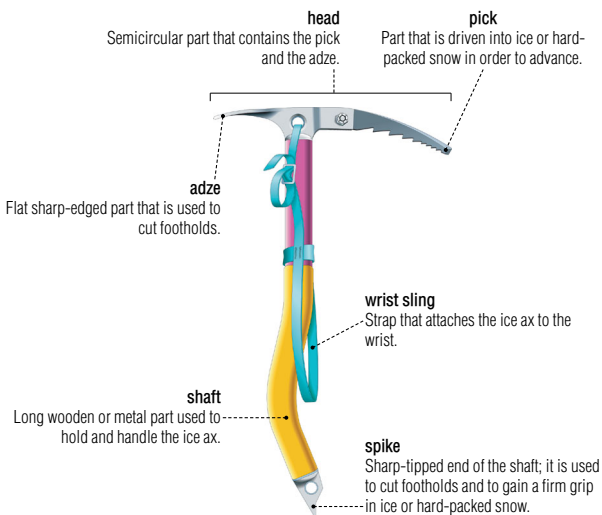
Metal device that is inserted into a crack in the rock face and held in place by tension; it is extended by a steel cable to which a carabiner can snap on.

**tubular ice screw**

Threaded metal tube that is screwed into ice or hard-packed snow to help with belaying and advancing.

**ice ax**

Small ax used by the mountaineer for cutting footholds, judging snow depth, gaining a firm grip in ice or hard-packed snow, etc.



camping

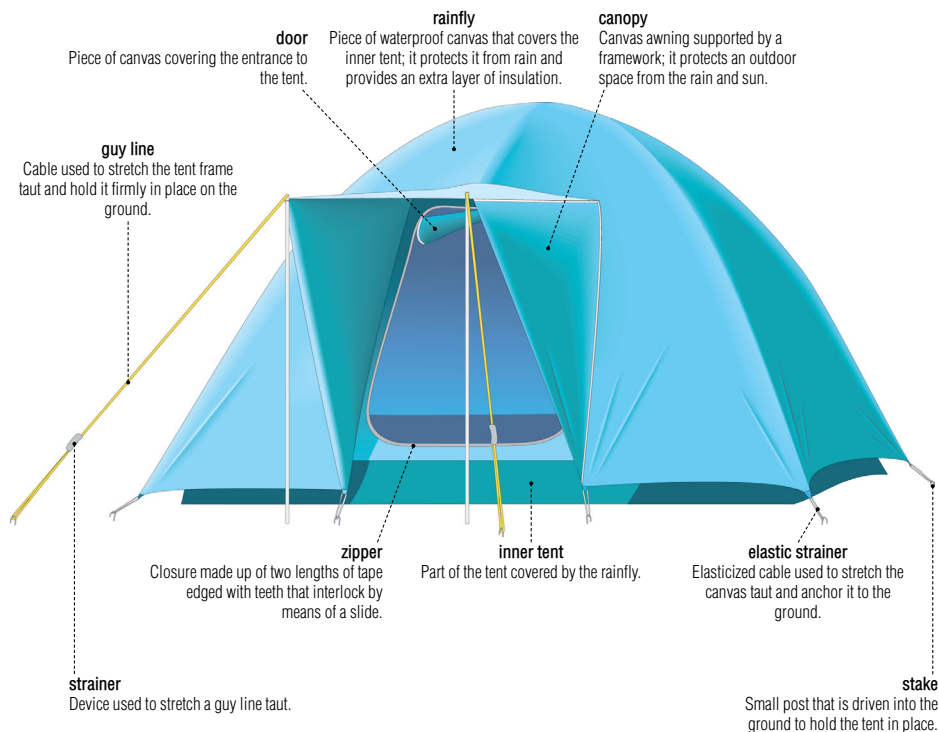
Tourist activity that consists of sleeping in a portable shelter such as a tent or trailer and traveling with equipment designed for outdoor living.

examples of tents

Tents: portable waterproof soft-sided shelters that are stretched taut over a frame and temporarily pitched outdoors.

two-person tent

Tent that can accommodate two people.



wagon tent

Spacious tent with sufficient interior capacity to accommodate a number of people or group activities.



pop-up tent

Round tent with a framework that deploys automatically.



pup tent

Tent where the canvas is stretched taut on both sides of a summit rod, which is supported by two poles.



one-person tent

Small low-roofed tent with enough room to accommodate one person.



dome tent

Semicircular tent that, once pitched, can be moved without being taken down.



wall tent

Very spacious, rectangular tent that often has a number of interior dividers; it accommodates a number of people.

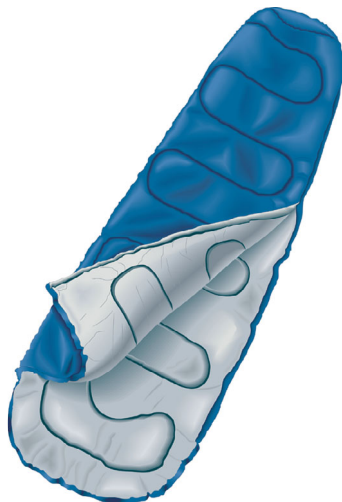


examples of sleeping bags

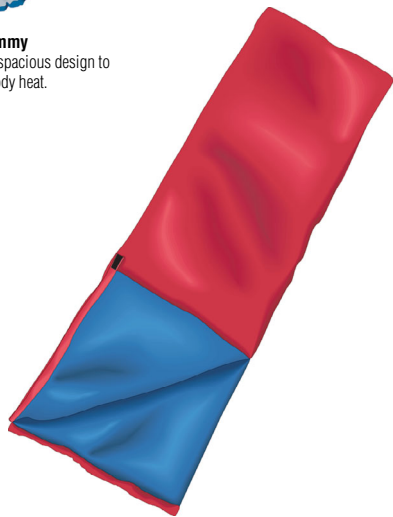
Sleeping bags: insulated fabric coverings that close with a zipper and are used to stay warm when sleeping outdoors.

**mummy**

Sleeping bag shaped like the body; it has a part that covers the head and neck with an opening for the face.

**semi-mummy**

Sleeping bag with a less spacious design to better retain body heat.

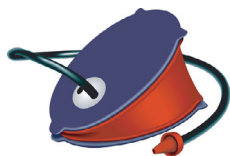
**rectangular**

Rectangular sleeping bag that is spacious enough to give the body room to move.



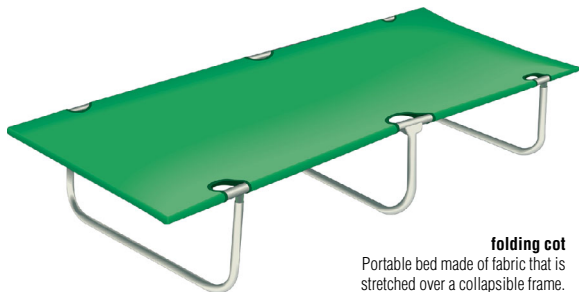
inflator

Device used to inflate air mattresses.



inflator-deflator

Device used to inflate and deflate air mattresses.



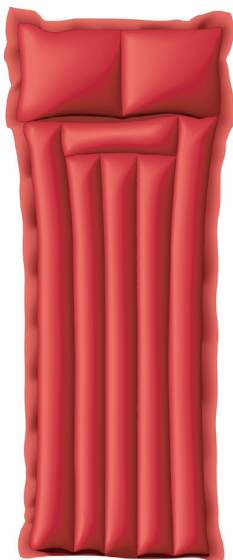
folding cot

Portable bed made of fabric that is stretched over a collapsible frame.



self-inflating mattress

Rubber, plastic or nylon bag that inflates with air by itself, without the need of an inflator.



air mattress

Rubber or plastic bag that is filled with air; it usually has a pillow.



foam pad

Long thin cushion made of soft material.

camping

propane or butane accessories

Complete range of portable appliances that run on liquid or gas fuel and are used to light, cook or heat.

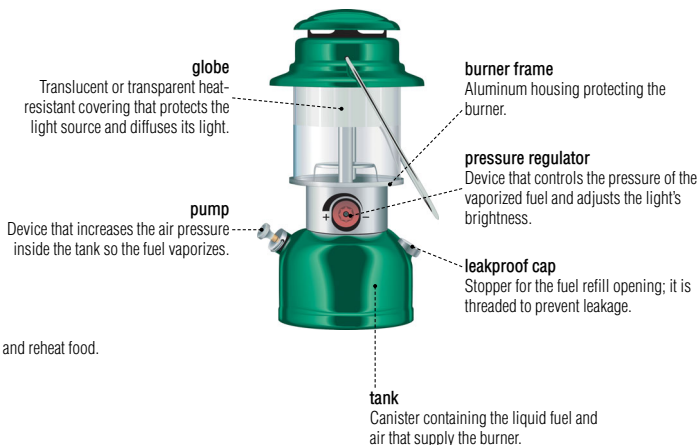


single-burner camp stove

Single-burner appliance used to cook and reheat food.

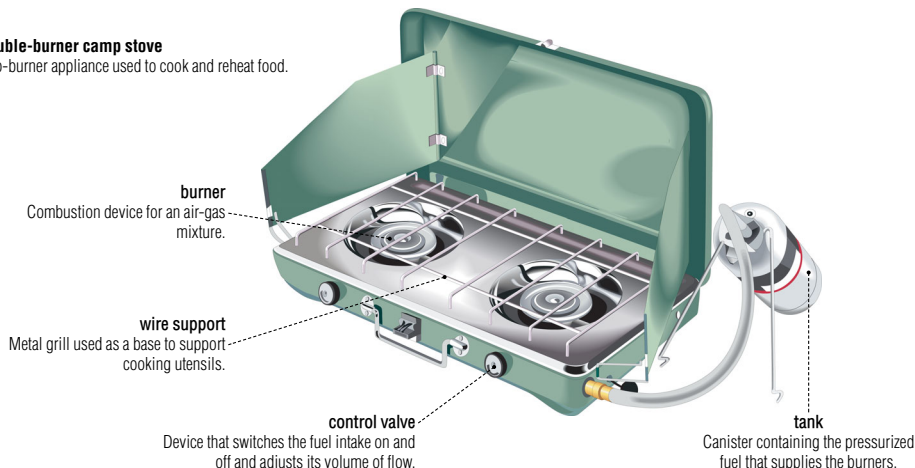
lantern

Safe portable light source that can be used both inside and outside a tent.



double-burner camp stove

Two-burner appliance used to cook and reheat food.

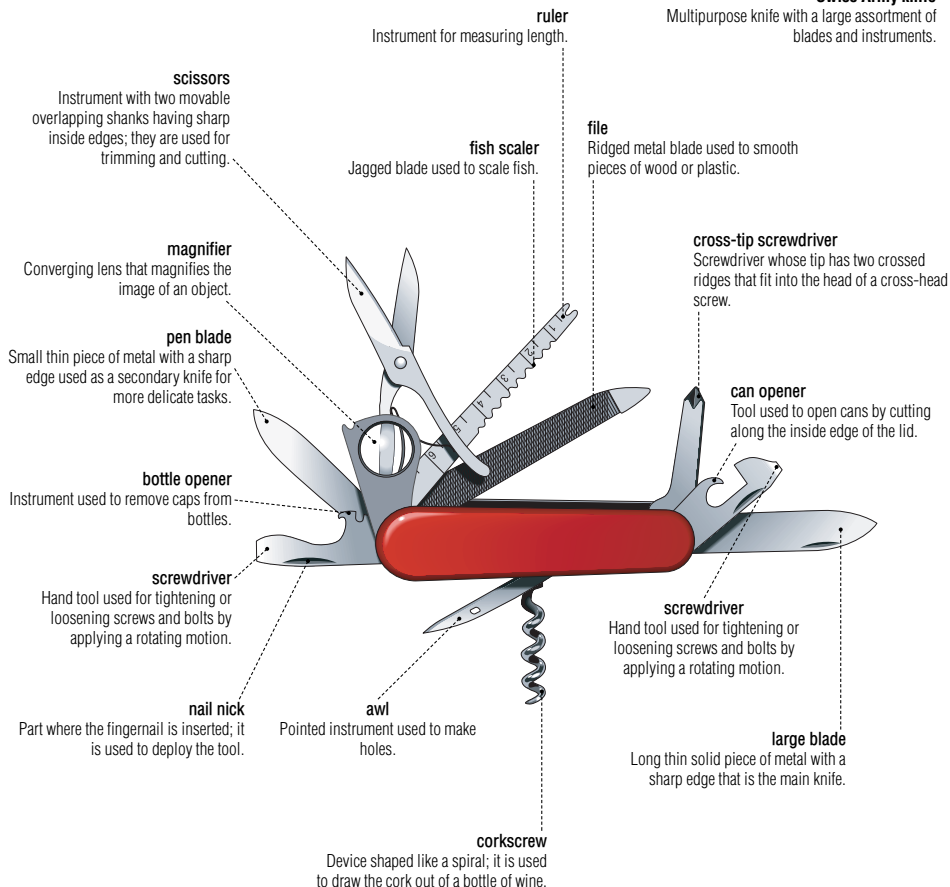


camping equipment

Range of accessories used when camping to store food, cut wood, etc.

Swiss Army knife

Multipurpose knife with a large assortment of blades and instruments.



camping

backpack

Travel or hiking bag that is worn on the back and is used to transport clothing, camping equipment, etc.



vacuum bottle

Container with a vacuum between the inner and insulated outer walls; it is designed to maintain its contents at a desired temperature.



cooler

Thermally insulated chest that is used to keep food cold with ice cubes or blocks of ice.



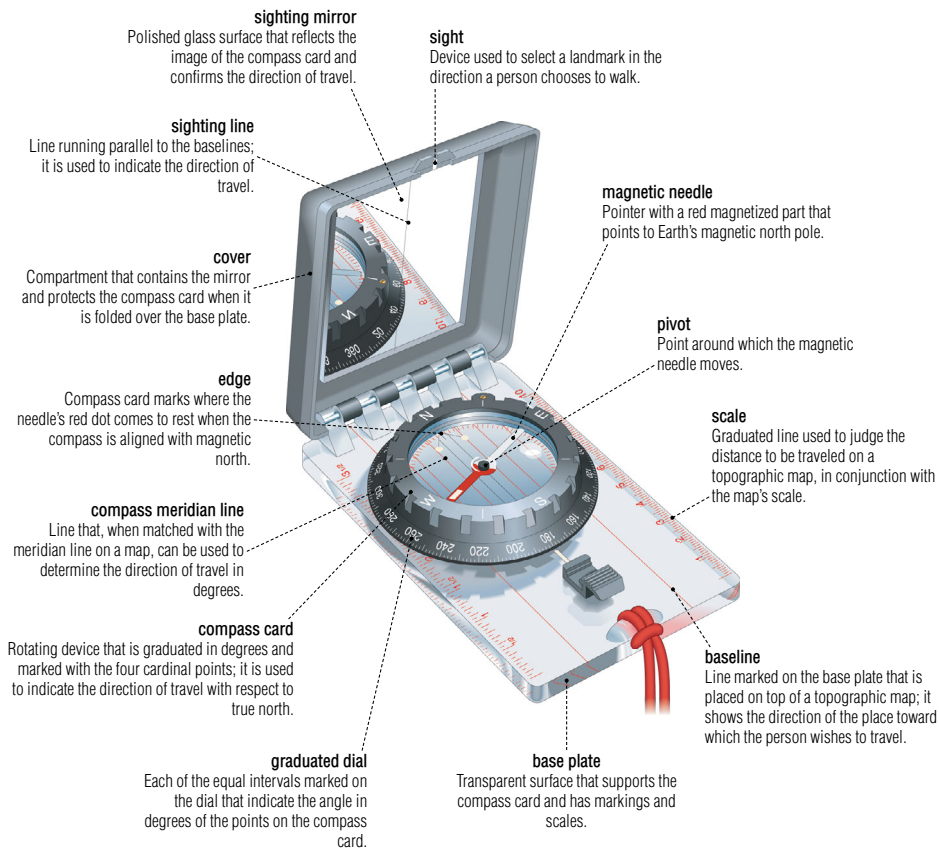
water carrier

Container with a spigot that is used to store drinking water when camping.



magnetic compass

Instrument for finding directions; it has a graduated compass card and a magnetic needle that points toward magnetic north.



fishing

Outdoor leisure activity consisting of trying to catch fish with a fishing rod.

flyfishing

Fishing method that consists of delicately placing an artificial fly on or in the water; it simulates a real insect landing to attract fish.

fly rod

Thin sturdy stick that is flexible enough to cast a hook disguised as a winged insect (artificial fly) far over the water.

butt cap

Usually metal covering over the end of the rod to protect the rod from contact with the ground.

butt section

Sturdiest section of a rod; it holds the handgrip and the reel.

screw locking nut

Ring used to hold the reel in place on the reel seat.

keeper ring

Circle where the fishhook hitches on to keep the fly line running along the length of the rod when it is not being used.

male ferrule

Metal tubing that fits into the female ferrule to join the two sections of the rod (butt section and tip section).

handgrip

Part used to pick up and handle the rod.

guide

One of the metal parts through which the fly line runs; they are used to guide it.

reel seat

Device that attaches the reel to the rod.

tip section

Thinner and more flexible section of a rod.

tip-ring

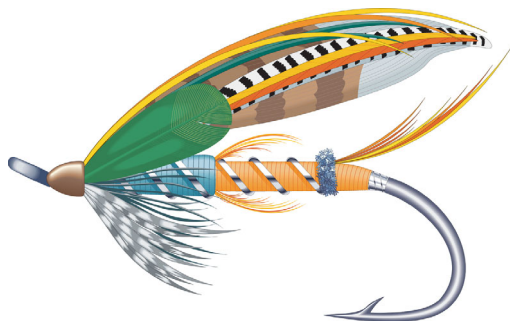
Circle at the end of a flyfishing rod's tip.

female ferrule

Metal tubing into which the male ferrule fits to join the two sections of the rod (butt section and tip section).

artificial fly

Arrangement of thread and feathers attached to a fishhook that imitates a winged insect; it can be cast over the water (dry fly) or into the water (wet fly).

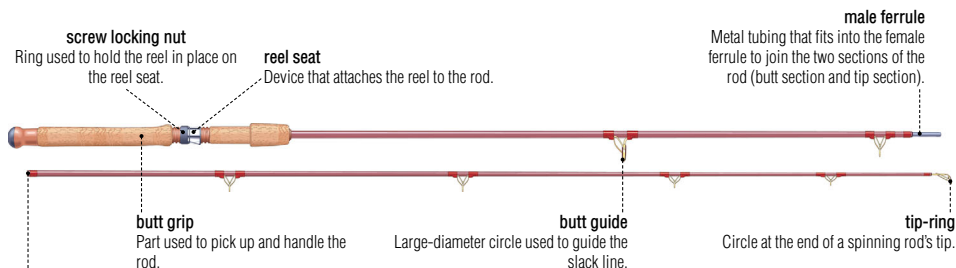


casting

Fishing that consists of letting a hook drop and sink into the water and reeling it back in to simulate the movement of a small fish.

spinning rod

Stick whose length and sturdiness varies with the kind of fishing being done; it is used to cast a hook carried along by a weight, sinker or spinner far over the water.



male ferrule

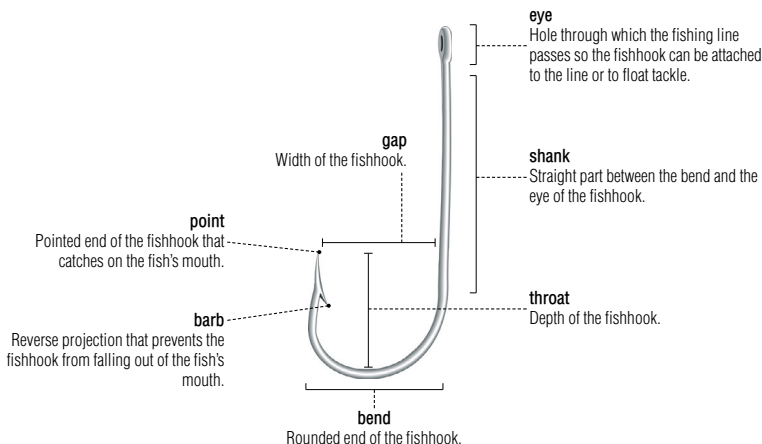
Metal tubing that fits into the female ferrule to join the two sections of the rod (butt section and tip section).

female ferrule

Metal tubing into which the male ferrule fits to join the two sections of the rod (butt section and tip section).

fishhook

Metal hook of variable size attached to the end of float tackle and baited with a natural or artificial lure intended to catch a fish.



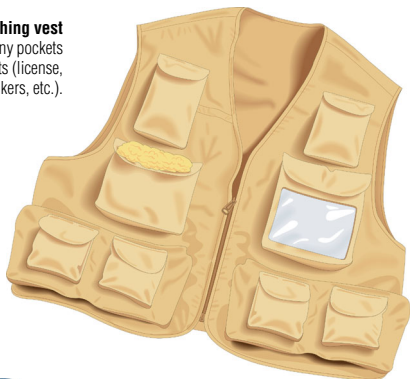
clothing and accessories

**waders**

Thigh-high rubber boots used to fish in shallow water.

fishing vest

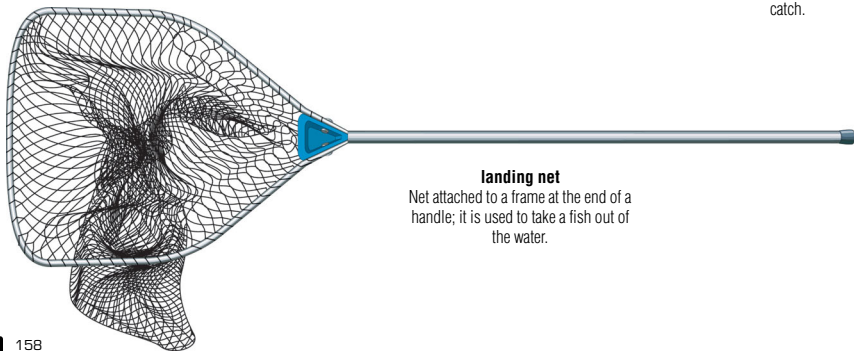
Sleeveless jacket with many pockets for carrying small objects (license, sinkers, etc.).

**tackle box**

Compartmentalized box used to store and carry bait and fishing equipment.

**creel**

Basket used to store and carry the catch.

**landing net**

Net attached to a frame at the end of a handle; it is used to take a fish out of the water.

Outdoor activity that consists of lying in wait for or pursuing game in order to kill it.

rifle (rifled bore)

Portable firearm that shoots a single bullet; the grooved inside of the barrel imparts a spinning motion to the bullet that increases the accuracy of its trajectory.



shotgun (smooth-bore)

Portable firearm where the inside of the barrel has no grooves; it can shoot a number of lead, copper or nickel pellets at a time.



decoy

Plastic or wooden lure used to attract wild ducks.



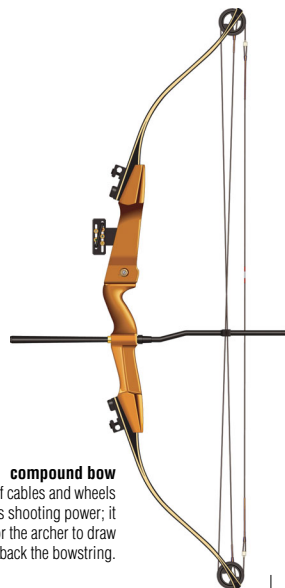
snare

Trap consisting of a steel cable ending in a slipknot; it is used to capture small game by the neck and strangle them.



leghold trap

Apparatus meant to capture an animal by the paw.



compound bow

Bow with a system of cables and wheels that increases its shooting power; it requires less effort for the archer to draw back the bowstring.

cards

Rectangular pieces of cardboard used to play various games; they have figures, signs and numbers on one side and are divided into four suits.

symbols

The colors, figures and signs on a deck of cards.

**heart**

Red suit in a deck of cards that is shaped like a heart; this suit has the highest value.

**diamond**

Red suit in a deck of cards that is shaped like a lozenge; this suit has the second-highest value.

**club**

Black suit in a deck of cards that is shaped like a cloverleaf; this suit has the third-highest value.

**spade**

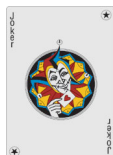
Black suit in a deck of cards that is shaped like a spearhead; this suit has the lowest value.

**ace**

Card with a single sign that usually has the highest value in the suit.

**queen**

Figure depicting a queen that usually has the third-highest value in the suit.

**joker**

Card depicting a court jester; in most games, its value is the cardholder's choice.

**king**

Figure depicting a king that usually has the second-highest value in the suit.

**jack**

Figure depicting an equey that usually has the fourth-highest value in the suit.

**high card**

When none of the five cards in the hand can be combined with any other, the highest-ranked card is played.

**one pair**

Contains two cards of equal value.

**two pairs**

Contains two pairs.

**straight**

Contains five consecutive cards of different suits.

**three-of-a-kind**

Contains three cards of equal value.

**flush**

Contains five nonconsecutive cards of the same suit.

**full house**

Contains a three-of-a-kind and a pair.

**straight flush**

Contains five consecutive cards of the same suit.

**four-of-a-kind**

Contains four cards of equal value.

**royal flush**

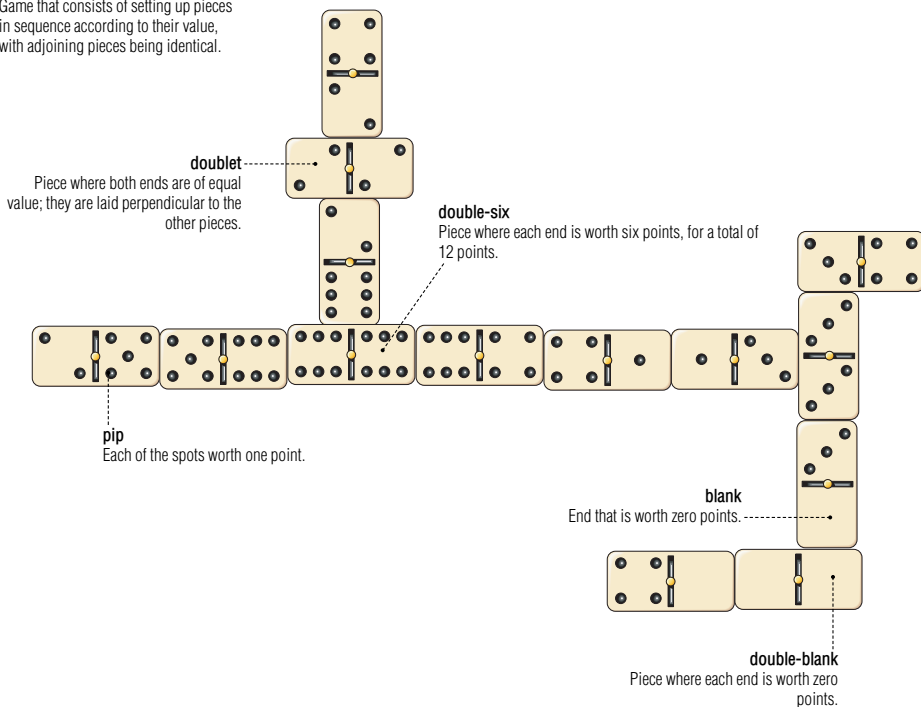
Contains five consecutive cards of the same suit, from the 10 to the ace.

dice and dominoes

Cubes (dice) or pieces divided into two ends (dominoes) with numbers indicated by pips or figures.

dominoes

Game that consists of setting up pieces in sequence according to their value, with adjoining pieces being identical.



ordinary die

Small cube marked on each side with one to six pips; it is used in various games (backgammon, Monopoly®, Yahtzee®, etc.).



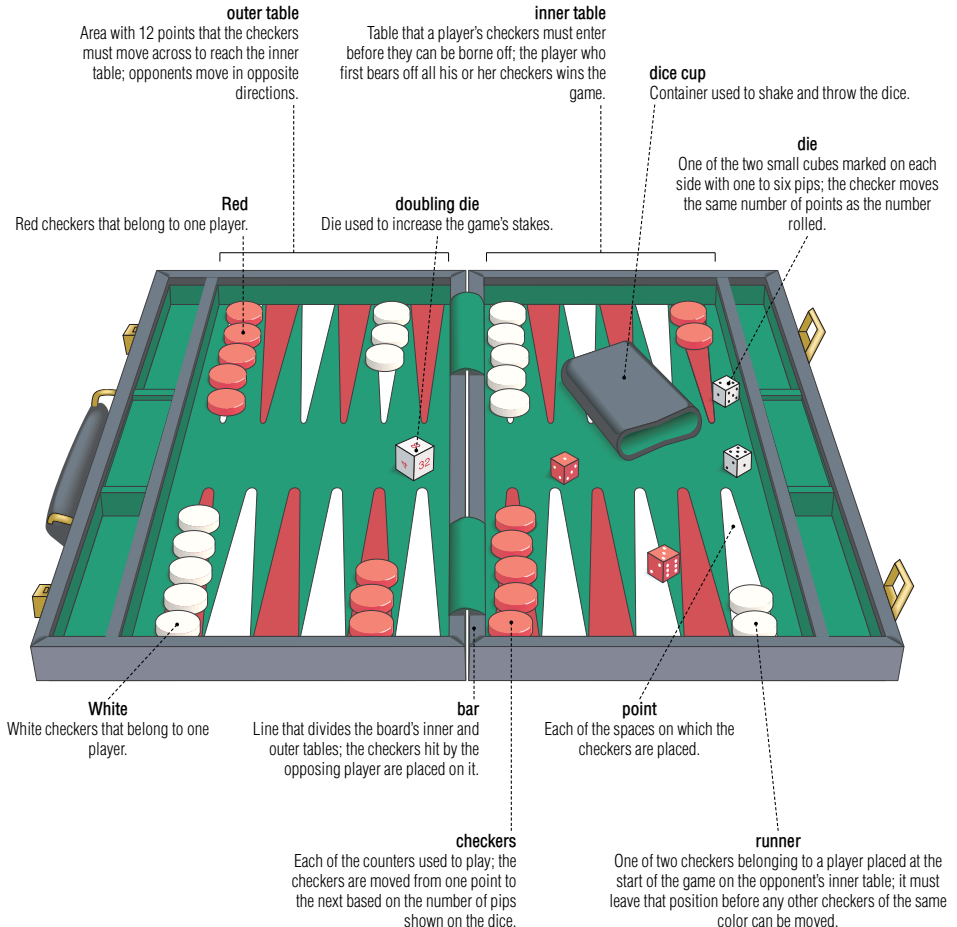
poker die

Small cube marked on each side with card symbols; it is used to play poker dice, a game similar to poker, which is played with five dice.

Complete range of games that use a playing surface on which game pieces (tokens, dice, counters, etc.) are placed.

backgammon

Game of strategy in which two players move checkers around a board; players try to collect and bear them off while preventing the opponent's checkers from moving.



board games

chess

Game where two players move pieces around a board in order to "checkmate" the opponent (i.e., attack the king in such a manner that no escape is possible).

chessboard

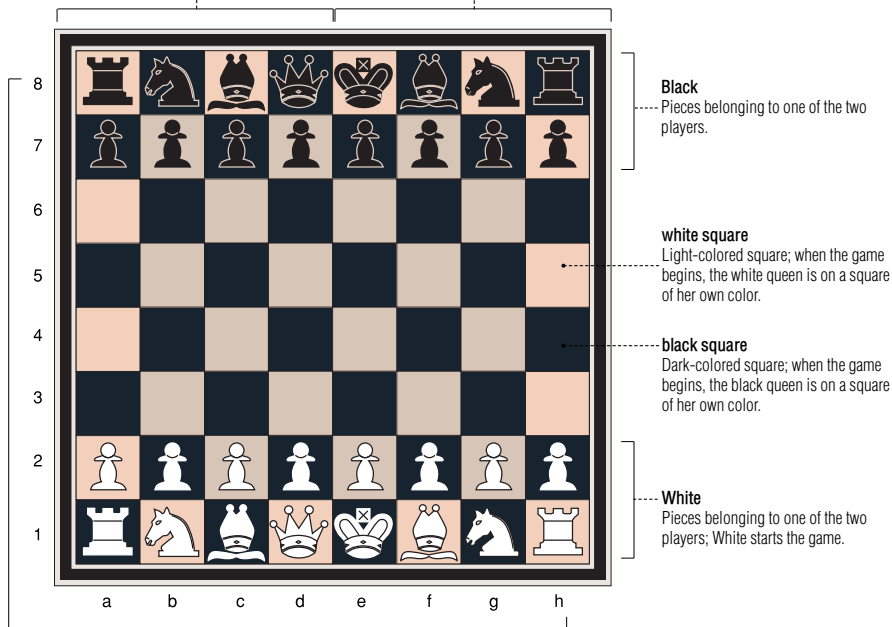
Board divided into 64 black and white squares; the corner square on each player's left must be black.

queen's side

Each of the pieces in columns a to d on the board.

king's side

Each of the pieces in columns e to h on the board.

**chess notation**

Means of using letters and numbers to identify the chessboard squares; it is used to situate pieces, transcribe games, follow moves, etc.

types of movements

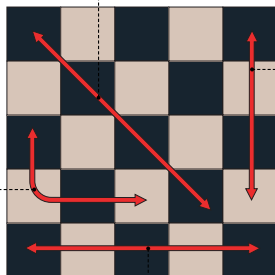
Each piece moves in a specific way: diagonally, vertically, horizontally or in a square.

diagonal movement
Forward or backward movement along an oblique line.

vertical movement
Moving forward or backward along a column.

square movement
Moving one square forward or backward and then two squares laterally, or two squares forward or backward and then one square laterally.

horizontal movement
Moving to the right or left along a row.

**chess pieces**

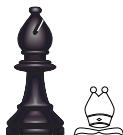
At the beginning of the game, each player has 16 pieces with different moves and value: a king, a queen, two rooks, two bishops, two knights and eight pawns.

**pawn**

Piece that can advance one square at a time except at the beginning of the game, when it can advance one or two squares; it captures opposing pieces diagonally.

**rook**

Piece that can move backward or forward horizontally or vertically for as many squares as the player chooses.

**bishop**

Piece that can move backward or forward diagonally for as many squares as the player chooses.

**knight**

Piece that can move at right angles (square movement); the knight is the only piece that can jump over any other piece.

**king**

The most important piece in the game; it can move backward or forward in all directions one square at a time.

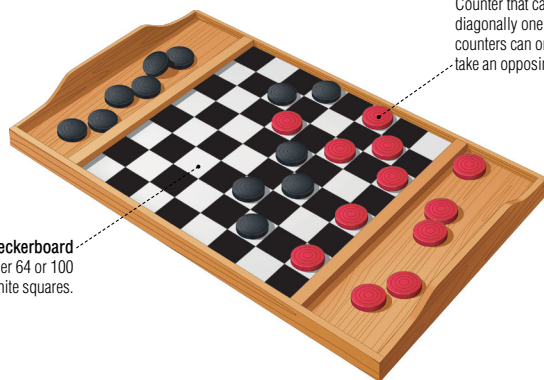
**queen**

The most powerful attack piece; it can move backward or forward in all directions for as many squares as the player chooses.

board games

checkers

Game that consists of capturing all the opposing counters by jumping over them, provided that the square behind each one is free.

**checker**

Counter that can move forward diagonally one square at a time; counters can only move backward to take an opposing counter.

checkerboard

Board divided into either 64 or 100 black and white squares.

jigsaw puzzle

Puzzle that consists of a picture divided into irregularly shaped pieces that must be put back together.

**piece**

Each of the fragments that fit together to create a picture.

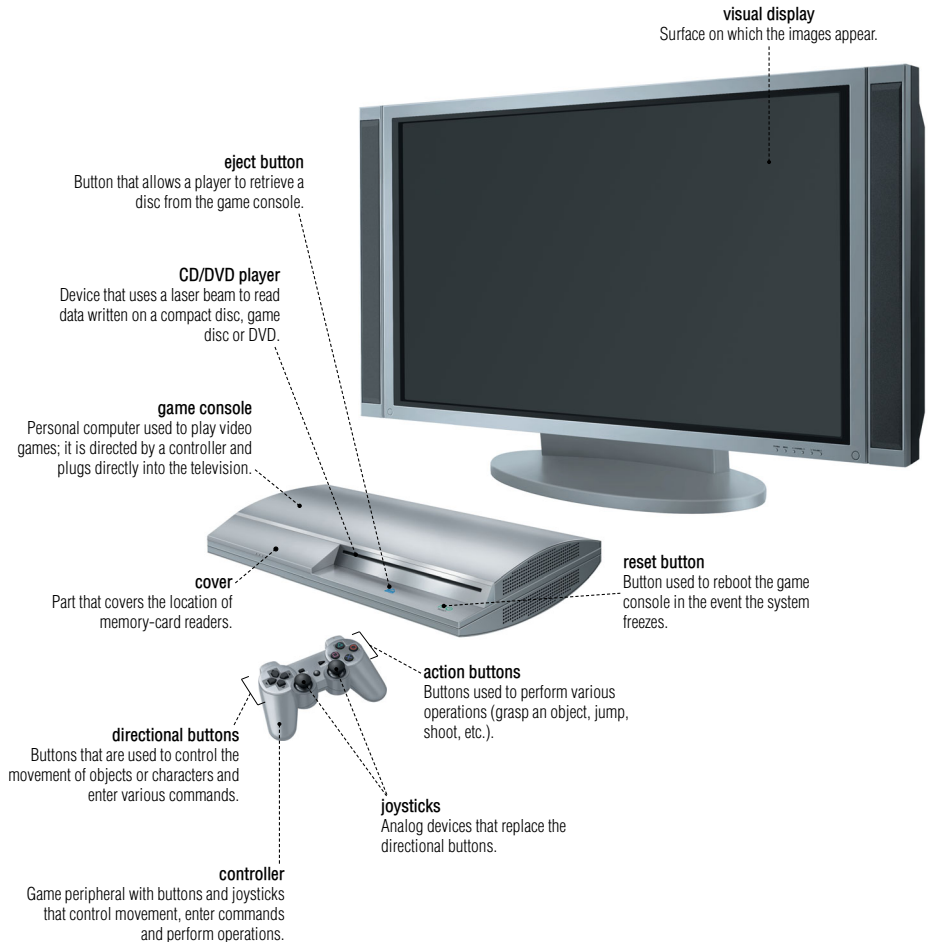
picture

Image put back together by assembling the pieces.

board

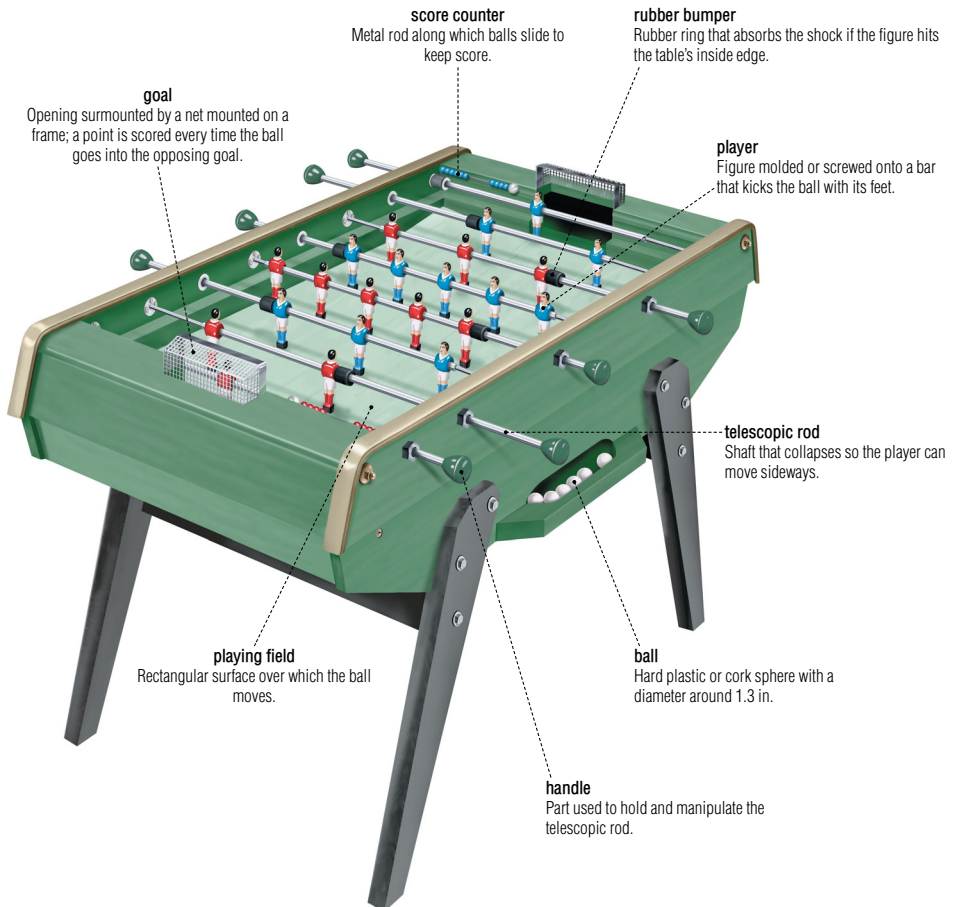
Flexible surface on which the puzzle pieces are laid out; it can be rolled up while the puzzle is still unfinished.

Group of units (game console and visual display) that allows a person to control the action in a game displayed on a screen by means of a controller.



soccer table

Table soccer game with figures mounted on telescopic rods.



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